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General Correspondence of the
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J. C. R. Haynes

In relation to Cotton Thefts

at Pulaski Texas

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Pulaski Tenn Feby 3d 1864

Capt

I find in building our Sheds that I will not quite have rails Enough with the 25 tons you Spoke of Sending which have not arrived yet — we will have to brace the Shed Roofs at Each corner in order to keep it from falling The weight of them is So great that it impossible to make them Support themselves without bracing We will get 2 more of the largest piles Covered in this week & If we have good luck will have more yet if we cannot must quit If possible I would like for you to Send me 25 pounds more nails (no 12) I think I will Succeed in getting a guard Such as I have written to the Ordnance Officer to Send me 8 good men that will give them Each 6 hours each day watch at the two places of Storing which I consider little Enough A Spring You may be able to Send me the nails Soon

I am Capt Your
Obt Servant
O R Baynes

Capt Black
Shreveport La

You may See a chance of Sending them by Some of the Sugar trains as Some of them have

Shreveport 1st Jany 1864-

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W. H. Haynes

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In relation to Contracts &
Offers for the Payment of
Supplies

Houston Texas
Jany 1st 1864.

Genl:

In case Genl Galveston
does contract is procured
to go on his part to furnish
+ file papers in my office
then pendency I
do ask agree as to the
payment; further I intend
to use my best efforts to
break up the system of con-
tracts relying on the superin
place of the Cotton Bureau to
procure supplies for guerrilla
With me explicit & price
he willing to have every contract
in my office overhead. I price
he at Galveston by the 16th and I
will explain.

Respectfully
W N Haynes
Maj & A Gen
Chief Cotton Bureau
Dept

Genl W. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Dept

Alexandria 2nd Dec 64

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Maj S. R. Hays.

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Enclosing invoices of goods introduced by Jno Y. Miles & J. L. Petit & asking that their permits be sent him

Office Ch Ord
Dt Va
Hex 2 Dec 1864

Captain:

Herewith are sent copies of Invoices of Supplies furnished by J L Petit & Jno Y Mills, to Maj R M Sanders these Invoices are taken from the transfers made by Major Sanders to officers of the different depts here & Certified to by Hon. Mr Lobdell who certifies as to whom the articles were introduced by & the agent of all Dept who received the articles at Washington For Permit No 7 for J Y Mills see Invoice Medicines $29.12.00 payable in Gold @ 40 ℔ = 7280 Lbs for which please send me permit No 7 Ord Dept.
Also Permit No 6 in favor

Gr. Total for 61340 Lbs
Cotton for which our Invoices
Allowances 4426,32
Subsistence Store 470,66
Cott Stores 15.638.71
Amt 24.535.69

in Cotton @ 40 ℔ equal to 61.340 Lbs
Trusting that the copies of Invoices
sent will be satisfactory,

I am Respectfully Yrs

To Jas H. Aiye

Capt Black Maj. A. Dall

Ship

Cotton Bureau

Shreveport La

The Confederate ~~States~~

To J. L. Petit Dr

299	Two Hundred & Ninety Nine Ounces Quinia Sul.	@ $ 10.00	2.994.00
1.2 7/8	Twelve & Seven Eight Ounces Morphia Sul.	@ $ 32.00	296.12½
31	Thirty One Pounds Hydrag Chlorittit	@ 9.00	276.00
215	Two Hundred & fifteen Pounds Magnesia Sulphatis	@ 1.50	316.50
1	One Large Case Surgical Instrument		343.00
120	One Hundred & Twenty Pounds Cort. Sodae	@ 57	68.40
			4.426.32

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I Certify that the above is a Correct list of Medicines & Hospital Store furnished me by Major R. W. Sanders Chf. Dr. Off. & W. La. At Alexandria Aug the 9th 1864.

P. J. Johnson
Surgeon C.S.A. Purveyor
& Med. Dep.

I Certify that the above Enumerated Articles were furnished to Major R.W. Sanders late Chf Dr. Off. D. W. La by Dr J. L. Petit on Contract to furnish Supplies for the Army, at (40) to be paid for in Cotton at (40¢) Forty Cent per pound.

Alexandria
Dec. 1st 1864.

Thos L Lobdell
Agt. Chf Dr. Off. Dept

Copy of Invoice of 3
Medical & Hospital Stores
Supplied by A. J. Mills
& R. L. Potts

Furnished to Majr
C. H. Sanderson Q. M.

Inv. Verification of
Permit No 7 Rec'd Sept
26th La to Embark
1250 Lbs Cotton

The Confederate States

To. John J. Mills Dr.

195	One Hundred & Thirty five Ounces Ammia Liq.	@ $ 1.00	1.397.25
12¼	Twelve & one Quarter pounds of Morphia Sul.	@ $ 22	281.75
8	Eight Pounds Hydrag. Chloridit.	@ $ 9.00	72.60
15½	Fifteen & one half pounds of Opium	@ $ 34.50	534.75
1	One Ounce of Sulv. Opii (Inst.)	@ 2.00	2.00
2	Two Ounces of Argent. Nit	@ 2.87	5.74
1	One Ounce Hydrag. Nit. Ox.	@ 2.87	2.87
1	One Pound. Cinchonic Cinch.	@ 2.87	2.87
81	Eighty One Pounds Balsam Copaiba	@ 4.14	335.34
12	Twelve Cases Surgical Instruments	@ 23.00	276.00
			$ 2.912.30

I Certify that the above is a Correct list of Chemicals & Hospital Stores delivered by Major D. N. Sanders Asst Dep. Con. Dist La to the Medical Purveyor U.S. Army La at Alexandria on the 9th Day of August 1864.

P. L. Johnson

Surgeon & Med. Purveyor

I Certify that the above Enumerated articles were furnished to Major D. N. Sanders Dep. Con. Agt by Mr J. F. Wallon Contract to furnish Supplies for the Army. to be paid for in Cotton at Forty Cents (40¢) per pound.

James L. Lobdell

Alexandria Agt. Dep. Con. Dept.

Dec 1st 1864.

7280 lbs @ 40¢

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Ecosse of Invoice

Supplies from

D'L'Petit

at

Subsistence Store

The Confederate States to J L Petit Dr

1775	Pounds	Shoulders	@ .34½	612.37
1731	"	Hams	" .46	796.26
704	"	Rice	" 34½	242.88
333	"	Coffee	" 1.43	476.19
90	"	Blk Pepper	1.43	128.70
150	"	Tea	" 2.58	387. "
2600	"	Mess Beef	" .23	598 "
3600	"	Mess Pork	" 28¾	1035 "
220	"	Candles	" .69	151.80
106	"	Soap	" .40	42.40
				$4470.60

I certify that the above is a correct Statement of Quantities of certain Articles of Subsistence Stores Transferred to me by Maj R M Saunders late C.S.A.C.S. A.C.S. at the Quarters, prior to 1st of August 1864.

A. L. Brown
Capt & A.C.S. Subsistence

I certify that the above enumerated Articles were furnished to Maj R M Saunders by Col J L Petit on Contract to Commissariat Supplies for the Army & be paid for in Cotton at Forty Cents per pound

Thos L L Stovall
Agt. A.C.S. Dr. Com. Dept

Alexandria Feb 27/64

Sam'l K Hays
Major
785
Asking that furlough be extended to June

Manhattan
Dec 5/64

Respectfully referred to Lt
Col W. A. Bradshaw - in whose
hands are the papers referred to
Were placed - When on duty
of the Commands of Major Hays
Statement, that at this time, it
had escaped my recollection -
And would admit the extent
of the furlough alluded to -

W. A. Black
Capt 6

E B 15

Office Chief Clerk
Mobile Ala
29 Nov 1864

Captain:

With the permits for
Exportation of Cotton returned to your
office was inadvertently sent
to 22 (2nd Dist Ala) in favor
of Col. J L Pelt for 18,666 lbs
Cotton. Suspecting the mistake
occurred by its being enclosed
in Permit Book in favor of
same party which were properly
returned, being for same importation
of 21st Inst, please examine
the papers & return the permit
as directed for the supplies have
been submitted to the satisfaction
of yourself.

Respectfully Yr Obt
Servant

Capt Blair
agent

Jno W Keogh
Chief Clerk

Alex La. Dec 19th 1864

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Maj S. M. Hays

R. M.

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In regard to funds
placed in the hands
of Maj F. R. Herron
of the Refug. Bureau to
meet the indebtedness of
the office at Alex La.

Office of Chf Q M W Dept
Alp Dec 19th 1864

Lt

Your letter of 17th ordering me East (Wood) Lieut Thompson's Co[mpany] will have been placed to my Co in the hands of Maj Shunk

I will probably send a man to Shreveport in a few days when I can have the men brought to this place

In the mean time if you should have a good opportunity please send it

Maj Sargent is most behalf awaiting anxiously concerning the Cotton allowed to me by order from Dept Hd qrs

I am Col Your obt Sert

Jas M Shuey
Maj & Q M

Lt Col Bidwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

To the Honble
the Judges of
the Superior Court
of
Jefferson

The Petition of Thomas Jackson
of this County most humbly
sheweth that about nine months
ago your Petitioner married
one Mary Ann Lewis
the Daughter of Joseph Lewis
late of this County deceased
which said Mary Ann Lewis
at the time of her marriage
with your Petitioner was
possessed of a considerable
personal estate to wit Slaves
Horses Cattle Household
furniture & Money

Jos. Lewis
Exr

Decr 1763

Sugar decr. 10th 1863.

I hereby certify That in accordance with a contract between Genl J.B. Jeffreson & Gov. agent & myself — entered into & signed 1st Sept. 1862 — I transported to Matamoras 249 B/C with all the dispatch practicable, — but That from unavoidable delays & hindrances (chief of which was a Military order, turning all Cotton around by Rancho thereby causing my transportation to be delayed) I did not get it all to Brownsville until the Spring of 1863 — That mainly on account of the delay caused by said Military order, I lost, or got misplaced 12 B/C in addition to the 249 B/C above mentioned — That I have not yet received these 12 Bales, but I have accounted to Jeffreson for the proceeds as per contract. — That I sold the 249 B/C in Matamoras, in two lots, one in February & the other in April 1863, according to this inspection forwith & conservation for onerhat. — That according to the original Bills of purchase, I was due Genl Jeffreson, under our contract, $47.23 per Bale in specie & therefore on the 249 B/C $11.934.52 — That by virtue of an Agency from J.B. Jeffreson to myself (the instrument of which is herewith attached, marked H & dated 9th Jan. 1863) I invested of that sum, thro' the assistance of Brig: Genl H.P. Bee, $9.688.00 in munitions of war, the ordinance Officers vouchers for which

Genl. Bee endorsed to Genl Jeffreson to my knowledge — That otherwise to with in the

Jeffreson, under our contract $47.50 per Bale
in Cash & therefore on the 249 B/C $11.934.50
— That by virtue of an Agency from J. B.
Jeffreson to myself (the instrument of which
is herewith attached, marked H & dated 9th Jan.
1863) I invested of that sum thro' the assistance
of Brig: Genl H. P. Bee $9.688.00 in munitions of
war, the Ordnance Officers vouchers for which

Genl Bee rendered to Genl Jeffreson to my
knowledge. That afterwards, to wit: in the
Spring of 1863, I took charge of 16 B/C in
addition, being remainder of lot of cotton
under my contract with Genl. Jeffreson, &
transported it to Kings Ranche, & made arrange-
ments to have it transported at once to
Brownsville but owing to a misconstruction
of Capt. King of a Circular by my Mercantile
agent San Roman at Brownsville, those 16 Bales
were to my astonishment delayed at Kings
Ranche 4 or 5 Months, until Fall of 1863. That
I at once loaded them for Brownsville & on their
arrival was upon the point of effecting a
Sale of them, when the Yankee invasion, com-
pelled me to leave them with San Roman at
Matamoras. That I have since rec'd a/c.
Sales of said cotton from San Roman, with
authority to draw on him for the proceeds, as
also other funds due Genl Jeffreson under
my contract & left on deposit with San
Roman at Jeffreson's request, as a matter of
convenience. I will state in addition that
I used my own drivers entirely & my own Masters
own Conscript age, except in the case of one
man about 5 Months
The 249 B/C were transported to Brownsville &
exported under the mark of C. S— as also the

Date of them, When the Yankee invasion, com-
pelled me to leave them with San Roman at
Matamoras. That I have since rec'd a/c.
Sales of said cotton from San Roman with
authority to draw on him for the proceeds, as
also other funds due Genl Jefferson under
my contract & left on deposit with San
Roman at Jefferson's request, as a matter of
convenience. I will state in addition that
I used my own drivers entirely & my own Mules
& Conscript agt. except in the case of one
man about 5 Months
The 249 B/s cotton transported to Brownsville &
exported under the mark of C.S— as also the

12 Bales mutilated. The mark C.S on the 16
Bales, having become, for the most part obliterated
& undistinguishable from a lot of individual
Cotton ship'd with them, San Roman exported
them under the same mark J.

Recapitulation

Under the contract with J.B. Jefferson, & according
to the original Bills of purchase of Cotton, I was
due him on settlement $47.93 per Bale on 277
Bales, amounting in the aggregate to Thirteen
Thousand two Hundred & seventy six 61/100 Dollars
($13.276.61) in specie, & have accounted to him
for the same.

Subscribed and sworn to
before me 11 Dec. 1863
A.B. Moore J.P.G.C

Alex. Henderson

Havana Aug 22/64

Chs. J. Kilvert to
Genl D.B. McGruder.

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Inregard to shipmt.
of arms. &c enclosing
Copy of letter to Col.
Broadwell ——

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Copy.

Havana Aug. 22nd 1864

Major Genl. L. B. Magruder
Commanding Texas &c &c
Houston

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two communications of the 6th inst. the one containing a dispatch for Col Rutherford which has been forwarded to him, the other enclosing a copy of Col Hutchins letter to you on the subject of the supply of cotton at Galveston.

The steamers "Denbigh" & "Susanna" sail for Galveston tomorrow. I proposed to the managers of both vessels to ship arms by them provided they would take of the Government contract Rifles, on ship's account an equal quantity as those shipped by me: both declined. I explained to Capt Godfrey, Supercargo of the "Denbigh" that these Rifles had been purchased by direction of Col Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance at the low price of $15 each, and by my contract were to be paid for by the 5th day of next month, under a forfeit of one dollar on each gun, and that I had not the funds with which to make the payment or any part of it: that the Chief of Ordnance was exceedingly anxious to supply your Department with this superior arm, and urged him to pay for 500. and take the same number on freight: he however declined, and purchased some.

remnants, perhaps in all four or five hundred at $14. those purchased by him may be very good Rifles, for the Speculators holding them sold some time since as high as $25 per. Mr. Cammack, the manager of the "Susanna" declined to purchase any arms stating that he sends a full cargo of useful army supplies. Under these circumstances I ship no Rifles by either steamer

I am, however, hourly expecting three fine steamers from England, two of which perhaps the three will be dispatched for Galveston, and the managers have assured me they will give me such assistance as will enable me to send you several thousand Enfield Rifles this month: on these shipments you may rely

The news you will receive by this mail from Mobile, is of such a character as to preclude the hope of my receiving any further shipments of cotton from that direction, and I much now depend entirely on Texas. The Government has been shipping cotton on steamers running from Charleston, Wilmington, and Mobile, notwithstanding the steamers may have carried in supplies of sufficient value to purchase full cargoes of cotton, and I would respectfully recommend the same course to you. The "Denbigh" has made five round trips to Mobile, bringing out full cargoes of cotton on ships account each trip (except 7st Bales) with cotton bonds, & has been fully freighted from this with government ~~freight~~ stores on which she received £20 per ton freight,

so that her owners can well afford to bring out from Detas, one or two hundred bales for the Government The "Alice" now "Matagenda" has been running since the beginning of the war, and by great management on the part of her owners, Messrs D L Macauley, and Addison Cammack has escaped each trip without government Cotton, and earned a very large amount of money: "the Rusanna" is partly owned by the same gentlemen, whose patriotism should not permit them to object to the surrender on behalf of the Government, of at least, one third of the outward tonnage, under such pressing necessities

The health of Havana is not better than when I last reported to you. I am informed that there are now about the same number of cases of yellow fever as then.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
(signed) Ch. D Abbot

Havana Aug 22d 1862

Col. Wm. A Broadnax
Chief Cotton Bureau
Texas.

Colonel.

The funds directed to be sent to me by you through Mexico have not been received, nor have I heard any thing on the subject since the arrival here of Major Watkins

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, a copy of my letter of yesterday to Gen'l Magruder, which refers specially to your Department and is in substance what I would say to you on the subject of the shipments of Cotton

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Ch. Helms

Apr 24/63
In a Hearing
Allenberg
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plication to be to be

n Law of Bilbrey
Cotton agt OS A
of Wm E Hafer
Shumpert
Law

ch of Lunacy

Collinsburg La Nov. 24th 1863

Messrs Lauve & Billings
Cotton agts C S A

Gentlemen

I write you for information respecting the Cotton purchased by the Government and left in charge of the Planters on their plantations. it appears that some of them has Gen? orders to haul their Cotton. and they have commenced hauling in to Carolina Bluffs. Mrs Jos. Cooper. Sid Allen and others are hauling to the C. Bluffs if it is the intention of the Government to haul the Cotton on the other side of the River it would be much better to have it hauled to some convenient point or haven on the road somewhere about Mr. Dickens. as it would save the Load some three Miles hauling on a bad hilly road it would be about as safe as at the warehouse. as there could not be more than 100 Bales put under Cover at the

weather I have now mill fitted with Sea Cotton and it would have to lay out in the weather then and I see no diffrence by having it on the road in the weather, or at the warehouse and think you would do well to send up an agent or some one to select a place to put the Cotton, that is if you think necessary to do as will save the 3 miles haulage having at some other place than the Bluffs—

I would like to be informed if I have to receive it and what kind of cot. to give to the planters and if so please send me a form and also a list of the Cotton with the owners names & marks of same and if the Cotton has to be delivered in good order if not an order what mile to be done

I find a boy with this and would like you would find an answer back so I may know what to do

Mr William Agnew will hand this to you and can explain to you about the road from when it leaves the ask-road to get to the Bluffs more particular than I can write

I have understood that Mr. Hamilton, Wyche, Landrith and all above here will be in with Cattle tomorrow to the Bluffs - and if they all have in with the expectation of getting it under Cover they will be disappointed as the house is full as I have stated already -

I remain Yrs &c Respy

Lieut Gelston

of Mr. Hagin, and in the office, with
Instr. Permissive Waste to the
Bank & others

Messrs Lauer & Biltmeyer
Cotton agts. O S A
Cam[p] of Mr. E Hagin
Shreveport
La

By Dow

Rec'd Rec'd in Dunnica

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Thos R Kearns Colby 19m

Rec'd Jan 13 1895

" " 27 Feb 1895

Received at Shreveport La this 27th day of February
1865 of Thos. D Miller Agt. C. S. W. Dept the Sum of
Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars and
Seventy five Cents, Specie Military Funds. For which
I am accountable to the Treasury of the Confederate
States

$2660 75/100

Signed Duplicate.

Thos. D Miller
Maj & A. G. Dept

Office Post Quartermaster
Vienna, Ia Oct 20/63

J C & Ulrich Capt & A.Q.M.

Application to be assigned
to Cotton Bureau Trans
Miss Dept.

Rec'd Det 22nd & answ'd

Post Quarter Masters Office
Vienna La Oct 20th 1863

Col. T. Broadwell Chief Cotton Bureau
Trans Miss Dept.
Shreveport La

Col

I respectfully ask to be assigned in the Cotton Bureau in the Trans Miss. Dept. Should there be a Vacancy I can get as much Cotton east of Red River as I would want and think I can get as much Transportation as would be necessary at least I would use every exertion in my power to accomplish the Same please let me hear from you immediately

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
J. E. B. Hedrick Capt. &
A.Q.M. C.S.A

Referenced
Maj. S. H. Oliver
Shreveport La.

E. Lewis
July 24 69
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Pau Pèlèhuloches July 9th 1864

Mr. H. C. Black

Steamer Port

Sir I am pleased with the order
directed by you to proceed
with the Chickamauga as per as
we could get in our harbour and
finds 26 bales only thereof cotton
packed there will be more found
we also found a good many bales
of cotton not in bail in amounts
way from 50 lbs 2.50 mostly Cotton
Yarn by soldiers wives I did not
know how to act in such cases I
would like you would direct me in
structions — when the 26 bales which
we found is cleared there will be
66 bales out of 147 as soon as it is
cleared I will report to you when
report I shall take to Mobile by
Wednesday's mail

Yours H. L. Kerr

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Brig Gen Helm
Shreveport La

September 23rd 1863

Offers to furnish a
Sufficient Force of
Texas Cavalry to
Move by Land & Water
on Monte Vista Cotton

Adjt Gen's Office
Shreveport La Sept 26th 1863

Respectfully referred to
Brig Gen'l D H Boggs
Chief of Staff

W A Broadwell
Lt Col & Chief Cotton Agent

Shreveport La Sept 23d 1863

Col. W A Broadwell
Chf. Cotton Bureau
Sir:

I am able to furnish a Foreign Capitalist, who will buy of the Confederate Govt. to the Amount of Five Thousand bales or more, of Cotton in any Exposed Locality, now threatened by the Enemy. Who will pay twenty five cents a Pound for the same in Confederate Money & export duty in gold or Silver, at any Point indicated by the Cotton Bureau.

The Confederate Government to give all the protection it can, and order said Cotton not to be burned, also to furnish permit to export same beyond its lines, upon guarantee of the Buyer that said Cotton will be shipped to France, England or Spain for Sale.

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo W Helms

Hd. Qrs Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La 24th Sept. 1863

Brig Genl W R Boggs
Chief of Staff
General

Some time since, Capt Young,
Cotton purchasing Agent of the Govmt, part of the Arachatan,
Called my attention to a lot of Cotton numbering about
(5000) five thousand bales, situated between Bayou Macon
and Bayou Boeuf Boundary, belonging to the Govmt as part of
the purchases of Mr D Bow, which has not been destroyed.

It is only necessary to indicate its locality to show
the danger to be apprehended of its falling into the hands
of the enemy, or destroyed by our forces, in case a battle
disposition of it cannot be made. its removal by the
Govmt, is an impossibility, I have not the transportation,
and if I had, proximety of the enemy forbids the
undertaking —

Two modes of disposal present themselves, the one
as respects Contracts — the other, its Sale for Money —
the first is the most desirable if it can be carried into
effect as it is not the policy, nor to the interest of the
Govmt, to deliver Cotton in advance of fulfillment
of Contracts, therefore, all such class of Contracts are
excluded, but those awaiting the arrival of Cotton
at the Rio Grande, might be so amended, by Consent
of Contracting parties as to receive Cottons in localities
threatened by the enemy in lieu of the Rio Grande — thus
avoiding delays incident upon land transportation —

To effect this change, two desirable results ~~from it~~,
viz, a saving of Cotton to the Govmt, and a saving equal
in Value of the Cotton, in Cost of transportation, would
flow from it —

The other mode — its Sale for Money, may in this

Case, and with this particular Lot, in View of its imminent danger, be the Wisest Course to pursue,

I therefore submit through you, to the superior judgment of the Lt Genl Comdg, the accompanying proposition of Geo. W Nelson Esq, Who has a foreign Capitalist willing to buy from the Govmt, Five thousand, or more, bales of Cotton, and pay twenty five cents per pound for the same, in Confederate Money and the usual duty, in Coin, the Cotton to be delivered at any point this Bureau may determine - and if in accord with his Views, recommend the acceptance of the offer to buy, and that the 5000 bales above alluded to be dedicated at the Lot, and its present location, the place of delivery - The Cotton to be paid for at this Bureau, or to any Officer he may designate, before it is transferred -

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W A Broadwell
Lt Colo & Chief Cotton Bureau

9/24 Havana Aug 23/64

Chs. J. Helm

Cond agent

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His funds directed sent him not arrived

Enclosed a copy of letter from himself to Genl N. Gardner in regard to the purchase & shipment of Guns and army supplies —

Galveston Aug. 22nd 1864

Capt Genl L. P. Walker
Commanding Dept &c &c
Houston

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two communications of the 6th inst. the one containing a dispatch for Col Rutherford which was been forwarded to him. the other enclosing a copy of Col Hutchins letter to you on the subject of the supply of cotton at Galveston.

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Memphis, perhaps in all four or five hundred at $14. these purchased by him may be very good Rifles, for the Speculators holding them sold some time since as high as $25. Mr. Cammack, the manager of the "Panama" declined to purchase any arms stating that he was a full cargo of useful army supplies. Under these circumstances I ship no Rifles by either steamer

Dan. Lawrence, hourly expecting three fine steamers from England, two of which perhaps the three will be dispatched for Galveston, and the managers have assured me they will give me such assistance as will enable me to send you several thousand Rifles this month: on these shipments you may rely

The news you will receive by this mail from Mobile, is of such a character as to preclude the hope of my receiving any further shipments of cotton from that direction, and I must now depend entirely on Texas. The Government has been shipping cotton on steamers running from Charleston, Wilmington, and Mobile, notwithstanding the steamers may have carried in supplies of sufficient value to purchase full cargoes of cotton, and I would respectfully recommend the same course to you. The "Daylight" has made five round trips to Mobile, bringing each full cargoes of cotton on ships account each trip (except 75 Bales) with cotton bonds, & has been fully freighted from this with government ~~freight~~ stores on which she received £20 per ton freight.

as that her owners can well afford to bring cotton from Texas, one or two hundred bales for the Government. The "Alice" near Matagorda has been running since the beginning of the war, and by great management on the part of her owners. Capts D & Macauley, and Addison Cammack has escaped each trip without government cotton. and earned a very large amount of money: "the Rosanna" is partly owned by the same gentlemen; whose patriotism should not permit them to object to the surrender on behalf of the Government, of at least one third of the outward tonnage, under such pressing necessities

The health of Havana is not better than when Blair reported to you. Dam informed that there are now about the same number of cases of yellow fever as then.

Dam General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(signed) Wh. D Wilkins

Carrollton Bluffs.
10th July 1864.

James A Herron.

409.

Referring to certain
Govmt. Cotton at Carrollton
Bluffs. no bad order.

Carolina Bluff La July 10th 1864

Mr Balnap

Dear Sir

They are 37 Bales
Cotton at Carolina Bluff belonging
to the Confederate Government That
was left there by J. J. Caldwell 14 Bales
A. B Hughes 6 "
J. W Ralt 5 "
B. W Newman 12 " Wich
Cotton they were ordered to hall in
there for Transportation I was sent
of I since the Steame Boats has been
coming up for the Conf Gov Government
they have stripped rope all of a
good parte of it on as the Cotton
is boun. to damage i feale it my
duiley to enforme you of it i have
any controle of bluff hence but if
you or any of the Cotton Beares will
send up rope i will have it put on
the Cotton so it wont all waisto as
i dislike bug much to see Cotton destroy
so but it does seame to me that Steam
Boats men & Gov Conn agents with-
for Excepents Number the Role Cuntry
belongs to them to Take & do as they
pleare with Every thing

will you be so friends as to send
up to me the weights of 100 Bales
Cotton bought by Mr J. C. Elstner of Jas. H
Hughes in Oct 1862 & price paid
for it & oblige his Widow
you can address me Through Col E G
Randolph & by leaving at his office
as he comes up every Saturday
Yours Respectfully
Jas A Herron

Eq. Richmond 9/6

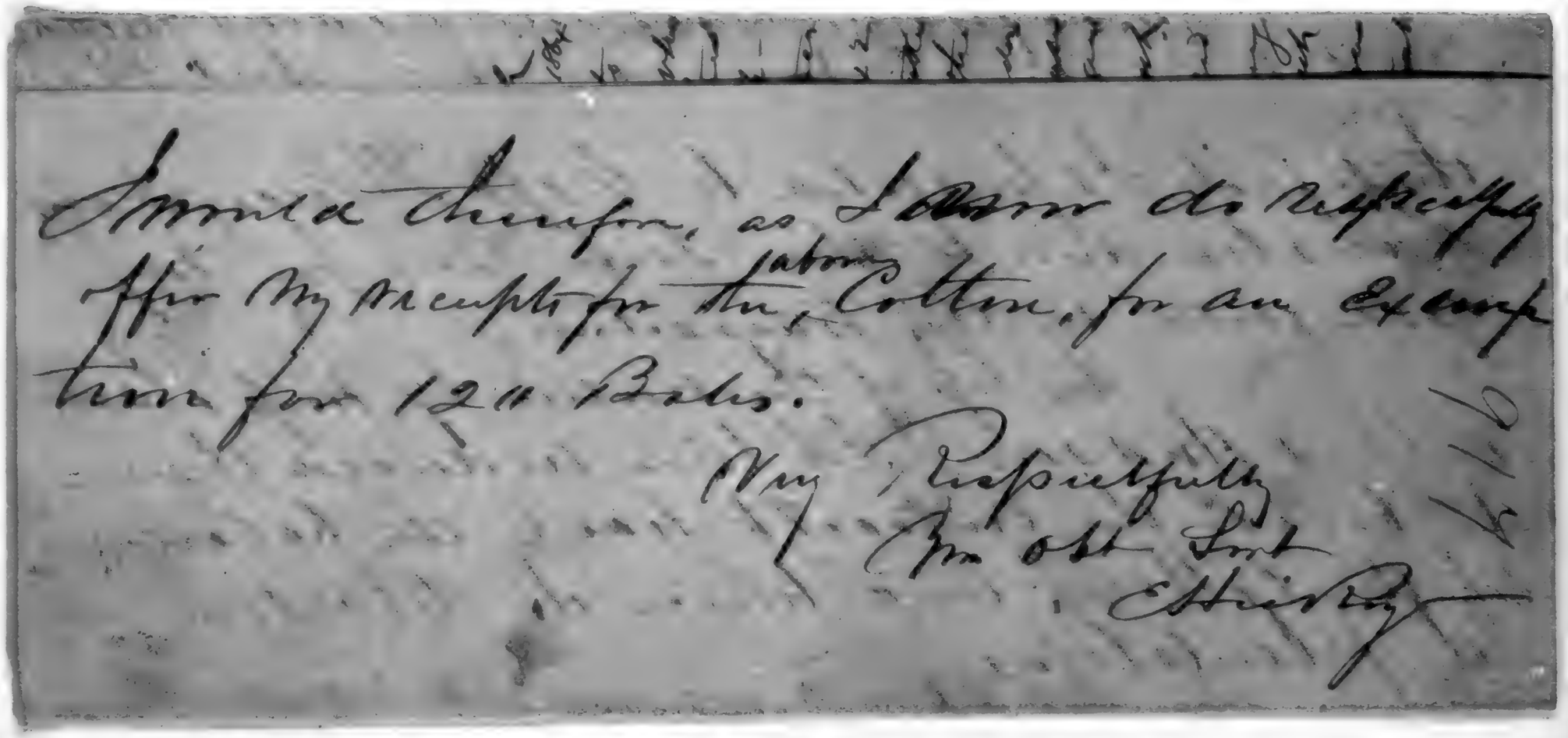
Col Dr a Broaddus

San Antonio

I Do Comply the
Confusion that apparent exists Somet of our
State that the Letter purchased from Mrs A Bp Gates
of Mr John Print, And Commanding it was Boled. and
duly purchased. under written Authority from Maj
B Blumfield. with Cy was forwarded to Comp
ent my Contract with that Gentleman.

Very Respectfully
Yrs Obt Lut
E Stiles Roy

San Antonio
Saturday Oct 8/1864



I would thank you, as I am in distress
for my receipts for the Cotton, for an Exemption
from 120 Bales.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Ethridge

917.

Cotton Account
Jesse Burnett Esqr
Jas Cotton 8th Oct 1864

Respectfully referred to Capt Burnett who will investigate the matter & do the right-thing. full instructions & directions this 24th Bale of Cotton taken possession of upon the statement of the Negro that it was purchased in the name of and for use of the Enoch Walker & Stephens Plantation being informed as Enoch Stephens. and it was my intention to take it as Enoch's property

under a misapprehension of the facts. I took such action upon as Will Jones & Ney Hinsley to prevent any rights. Enoch Walker may have against Capt Barnett has the Control of the Cotton in question. He is authorized to exercise his judgment in Completing the Contract made by myself & Colbell, or the Com. Jury Mr Hinsley the price for the Cotton which may Blomfield agreed to allow him 8 cents per pound for the Cotton stated by Mr Hinsley to have been Bagging & Rope which he has furnished Capt Barnett nearly or of Capt Barnett thinks proper. In case death Mr Hinsley. Imputation and Complaint to settle the Contract by Jury

San Antonio Oct 9th 1864

Col H A Broadnax

Sir

Sometime in July last I was directed with a Notice or Circular by Maj A.S. Cabell A.A.G. M.D.S. at Laredo. to report all un exempt Cotton and to Sell the Govt the Same in this State. I purchased 242 Bales of Cotton in Rusk Co at Mr Gallaways. 14 — do at A D Garretts. 33 at Allen Gibsons. 25 at Mr Harrys. 8 at Mr Evans & Gat Mr Prims all in the vicinity of Henderson I furnished bagging & Rope for 75 Bales of the above & advanced sufficient Monies to have the purchase Mess Gallaway & Garrett are paid in full. Mr Pruit is fully paid for 30 00 H holding his receipt for $7650 — Drew three — Land Warrants & fifty Dollars & offering Money & Cash Barrett to pay the balance in 7 or 8 Days or to his Satisfaction. Calling attention to the fact that I was willing to the Govt at 25 & 30 per cent for Passing notes: Which if he Mess would be paid him.

I Drew a Draft from Laredo about the 1st

of August last. and immediately set out to fulfil My Contract. At Crockett I was advised that Mrs Gallaway & Pruit would not deliver the Cotton, without an order from Col Broadwell, Mr Gallaway told me he would not deliver the Cotton without Col Broadwells order the other parties are all Content to deliver their Cotton, in as much as they do not make the insinuations of Mrs Gallaway & Pruit. that I had brought their Cotton as a foot again. I will now state what I expect in this morning interview.

About the 21st of August 1863. I arrived in Houston with a train of Cotton from the East. which I was B Bloomfield thirteen to exchange (if he could not purchase) as he had orders from Maj Gen Magruder to purchase 5000 Bales I stated to that Genl Mr Willingness to sell. that I had a large quantity of Bagging & Rope & a Contract with Mrs Randolph & Hudson to haul from Henderson in Rusk Co 400 Bales which he could have. I sold him the train of Cotton and was paid in part in Treasury Notes on my return with the second train I turned over the Cotton to him, and was offered in payment Certificates of accounts which I declined

these facts I represented to Capt J Pucyat at Houston and to whom I refer him for my good faith in this transaction.

The loss of the overseer by Mrs Randolph & Hudson. I believe induced them to break the Contract & haul the balance of the Cotton. and leave it to attention on the plantations

In Conclusion permit me to call your attention to the Results of Mess ~~Hamilton & Co~~ A P Galloway & John Pirtle Copies of which I am furnished. together with Copy of Contract signed by Mess A S Cabell & G M & S. approving by Maj Chas Rupell A G M & Ch of Transportation from the letter of introduction to Capt J Garrett Learned that this Contract had Col Ps a Broad verbal approval.

I will further state that I was instructed to haul 242 Bales of Cotton, that I left at the plantation of Mr Pruit 58 Mule wagons Capable of hauling 180 Bales. that on account of Bad weather Considerable that I Instructed them to haul a long journey & now to me a source of Chagrin & disappointment. & now my only hope for relief is through your Genl

Obedt

Sir I ask Leave, as I deem it respectfully
for My Receipts for the Labour Cotton, for an Exemption
from for 1211 Bales.

My Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Ethridge

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Houston March 11th 1865

Capt C. G. Wells

1218

Suggesting that Surg Young be requested to act for the Surgeon stationed and doing duty at Galveston

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Shreveport 23rd March 1865

Respectfully referred to the Honble W. J. Hardee with the request that the Surgeon be allowed to act for the Bureau of the duties at Galveston are to be paid at Galveston.

W. A. Broocksbank
Lt Col

Endr
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U.S. Treasury Agency, Texas
Marshall March 22d 1865

[illegible] Lieut Col [illegible]

P. W. Gray
Agent Treasury Dept

Shreveport 23rd March 1865

By direction of Lt Gen Kirby Smith I am directed to call your attention to the indorsement of the Hon W. J. Hardee with the request that the Surgeon and Mr Perkins be immediately advised of the assent of Surg Young and that immediate arrangements be made for the payments of duties at Galveston

By Order
A. A. A. G.

Endr
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Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Miss.
Houston, Miss. 11. 1865

Colonel

I am informed, in a letter from Brownsville, that Mr Parry, Treasury Agent at Galveston, says the Bureau Cotton cannot pass that point until the duties are paid - I suppose the instructions came from Mr. P. H. Gray and that it will be necessary to have some one of my staff to pay the duties on the Govt. Cotton - Will you please look into it & see what can be done & direct accordingly. If not I will myself attend to it. If Agent Parry should be necessary to ask for such assistance as may be necessary - He could be spared from his duties, & I am willing to spare the necessity of putting an extra man on duty -

Judge Gray's action will prove very much to the advantage of the Govt. I anticipate - He has already collected at least 400 Bales on account of which the Treasury Department has received a considerable fraction - It is important that the Govt Bureau should be kept in operation as long as practicable -

Respectfully
your obt. Servt
G. G. Wright
Capt & A.Q.M.

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Hearing

Cotton Bureau
Trans. Miss. Dept.
San Antonio 15th Cch

Respectfully refered
to Cash Wm
Bonnett, for
his information
& action,
W. T. Brumwell
Sec'y

Col W a Broadnax

Sir

I deem it necessary to explain the confusion that apparently now exists. I must again state that the Cotton purchased from Mess A P Galloway & Bros Pond and amounting to 153 Bales was duly purchased under written authority from Maj B. Bloomfield. With my own funds to carry out my contract with that Gentleman

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Esth Roy

San Antonio
Sat Evening Oct 8th 1864

Sept 6/63

A D Hopkins

Williamsport

In regard to certain lots of
Govt Sugar - therein described
wishes to purchase.

Colonel W. A. Broadwell

Alexandria

Genl

Wm Archie Smith

La

Williamsport Oct 6th 1863

Col. W. A. Bradwell
Alexandria,
Dear Sir,

Some time ago Mr Torras called upon me and stated he had purchased from you the sugar now in my sugar house belonging to the Government. I have since ascertained that the transaction was not closed between you; if such be the fact: and the sugar is still for sale I should like to purchase it as also the lot of 150 Hhds (in Mr Stewart sugar house) for which of Mr Stewart employed upon the same terms as those offered to Mr Torras

I send this by Mr Archie Smith who is on business to see you, by whom an his return I would be much pleased to receive an answer

Yours very respectfully
A. D. Hopkins

P.S.
Should you conclude to let me have it please state how you would wish the settlement to be made

Headquarters Dept of Texas
10th Nov 1864

M. J. Hopkins

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Cotton
In regard to Govmt
Stolen by women

Transpt Q.M. Genl's Office
Washington Nov 10/64

Respectfully forwarded
to Col W.D. Bromwell
Q.M. Gen Bureau for his
information, with request
that some step be taken
to prevent a recurrence
of similar acts

By Lt Genl
Asst Adt Genl

Houston Texas
November 10th 1837

Captain

I have deemed it proper previous
to proceeding to Galveston & placing the train
under my charge with Specific instruc-
tions returning to this place, on the 5th inst.
near Cattlage Santa Fe, Texas. Sixty
Bales of Cotton were forcibly taken from
my train, by eight Mexicans. I used every
solicitation & remonstrance to prevent their doing
so, but without availing anything.
I learned the following names, viz

Mr Hendricks
Mr Pollard
Mr E. Anderson

The other five were unknown to me & refused
to give me their names
I have the honor to be Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servant

W. T. Hoskins
Train Master

Capt W W Grant
Agent
Velasco
Texas

11th Nov 1864

Forbes & Robertson

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Asking Employment

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November 14th 84

Colonel W A Broadwell

Sir.

I wrote to you in September and received immediately in reply from one kept Wells of your Office saying that you had gone to Rio Grand and that you would be back about the 15th October I wish to assure you that I have wanted very patiently for a reply from you but have received none, I respectfully solicit employment of you in the Cotton Office and pray you to write to me at your very earliest convenience

With considerations of distinguished regard

I am your obedient servant

Forbes J. Houston

Write to me at

Leona

Leon County

Texas

Vol 4 2d Ser 1863
Pulaski Banner
Offering 6 Beef Cattle

Alexandria La
April 24th 1863

Col W. A. Broadwell

Dr Sir.

I placed the Govt property (horses, mules, &c) in my charge to Lattii Lafleur farm West of the Atchafalaya. Mr Gile has 150 head of good beeves there for the Govt. They could be passed up to this place through the pine woods passing Victory Flat, but from the appearances here I dont believe they will be wanted, and shall have them kept in the marshes below in Calcasieu Parish La, unless you direct otherwise. If the enemy advance I will move across the Sabine into the upper part of Newton Co. Texas, where there is good pasturage.

If the enemy are repulsed at that point can be crossed, I will report to you, that you may see the stock I have in charge.

I have looked for you everywhere, and have been unable to find you. I must return to the party left below.

Very Truly Yours
Russell Howard

Mansfield Feby 7th 1865

Jas. W. Howard

1051

Refusal of condition of Letters in Debtor Parish. - Recommends Lieut D. L. Talley Cav. 3 La Cavalry as an efficient person to take Charge of same.

Shreveport
9th Feby 1865

Respectfully for-
-wards- for the
information and
action of the
Treasury Dept
W. A. Broadnax
Tr Bal
Ex Chief of
Cotton Bureau

Marshall 14th Feby 65.

E.N. 3723 Reply sent to J. G.
Bullock - for his information
Mr Walsh had letter sent
after this Cotton W. A. Black
Capture

Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, La,
February 9. 1865.

Col. A. H. Broadwell
Shreveport, La.

Colonel—

I have recently been engaged in looking after the condition of Capt. John A. Stevenson's Cotton in this Parish.

And when in Shreveport, a few days since, was requested by Mr. Ripley to write you in regard to the state of any government Cotton that I might see in this Parish, and to make such suggestions as I deemed proper to insure the protection of same.

In compliance with that request I would report that I have seen the following lots, viz:

Lot bought of James Means, about 128 bales,
" " " J. T. Redding
" " " Mrs. Maria Childers
75 Bales " " J. F. Hope, who bought it of James Bond

The above lots are damaging for want of proper storage, Shelterage and for adequate protection from Cows, (some of the shelters having fallen down) and for want of bagging and Rope to cover some of the bales, which have expanded, by the ropes busting, and are thereby going to waste. The sellers of the three last lots, have abandoned their places; leaving no protection to them. Report says many other lots are in a similar condition, as above. Immediate action is necessary to protect these and other lots of Cotton from destruction, I would, therefore, suggest that some one be instructed to examine into the condition of all government Cotton in this and adjoining Parishes, and authorized to use proper measures to protect same from further damage. I would respectfully

suggest the name of Lieut P. L. Tally Co (G) 3rd La Cavalry. formerly Receiving & forwarding merchant, Shreveport, (who has been for months past at home on sick leave). as a suitable and efficient person for that purpose, and would refer you to Capt. John A. Stevenson, who knows him well, for a confirmation of my statements.

I am Colonel, very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
James H. Howard

I know the writer of the above letter well he is a very reliable & good man I also know Mr. Tally. think him a suitable man & reliable to look after the Govt Cotton in Caddo & Desoto Parishes. if any one is to be employed

July 8. 1865 — Jno. A. Stevenson

S.O 229. A.G.O. — 1864 —

Mansura 25th April 1863

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Rec'd Howard

Refering to the resolution
of C. M. Conrad in Congress.

MILITARY ABUSES.

[redacted], of Louisiana, introduced a resolution that the President be requested to inform the House whether one ——— Broadwell has been authorized to make purchases for supplying the army, and particularly sugar and salt for the commissary department, and concerning certain abuses alleged to have been committed by the said Broadwell. Adopted.

Mansura La
July 25 1863

Col W. A Broadwell
Dear Colo

I am just starting for Vicksburg for funds with which to purchase Beeves in La., am on horseback, and bring anything for you I can. I see by your lovely friends have been sending papers to Washington; I send you a slip from the Richmond Enquirer of the 28th inst. It is a good opportunity for your friends there to defend you from such forbearance, by giving publicity to your position and authority. I send you this in order that you may be posted and be enabled to write anything you may choose to come on with the papers called for by this resolution. I shall only remain in Jackson one day.

Very truly yours, in haste
W. A Howard

Boston Texas Sept 22 64

Gen. Hubbard

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Notifying of his acceptance of agency for procuring Cotton in Bois d Arc Co Texas.

Boston Texas Septr 24th 1864

Col: W^m A Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Austin

Your highly esteemed favor of the 10th ult^o was received through Capt. Birge and contents duly noted. I have accepted an agency for the Counties of Bowie & Lamar pass him and shall at once enter upon the duties pertaining to it. I anticipate no difficulty in procuring the Cotton although there is considerable grumbling about the proposed mode of payment. Parties complaining that the Govt. compells them to take the old issue when a part of the Tax is required to be paid in the new.

A great deal of the Cotton is in bad order and will have to be repacked before it can be transported a considerable portion is in the seed & will remain so until the Government provides Ginning & Baling for some of the Planters have sold seed cotton and is thus held by speculators who will be very loth to let the Govt have it. But what I consider of the greatest importance and I wish to call your attention particularly to it is the want of transportation. I do not know a Farmer who was here at the commencement of the War who has any surplus Waggons & Teams or who could spare either without detriment to his farming interest. Capt. Birge has given instructions not to distress any one. After I shall have accomplished all I can in my present position you should require my services you can command them.

Yours very Respectfully Jas. Hubbard

48 H. 172

Jamesville Cook Co
Texas May 12 1863

Wm Hinton
Brig Genl U. S. V.

Whereas to Honor of Masters
will be permitted to
Ship Cotton to Mexico,
which Cotton will
soon be exposed to the
ravages of the Enemy.

Cotton Burn 4 Sept 63

Answd 4th Sept 1863
declining to give permission
to export for the present -
but advising Cotton to be
removed to places of safety
And the Govt would either
buy or permit exportation
in a future day - .

Head Qrs 1st Brig Texas State Troops
Grainesville Cook co Tex May 22nd/63

Dear Sir

There are Various enquiries coming up from Some of our citizens upon the import of the Order I Issued by the Genl Comdg in regard to the impressing of Cotton there is yet Some Cotton in this Section of Country which may soon be exposed to the ravages of the enemy & the Owners wish to know if they will be permitted to Ship it to Mexico unmolested & what steps are necessary to be taken by persons so employed subject to the Confederate military duty to

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Jno Henderson
Brig Genl 1st Brig 1st D

Jo S Sandridge
Asst Adjt Genl

Copy 926

Lands March 16th 1866

A. M. Hughs

actg Asst Ins Cot. office

Reporting Cotton received from L. C. Hoff and John Jamie, under Mckinney Contract and shipment of 21 bales by order of Capt Penaloza

Lavaca Texas
March 11th 1865

Col W.M Perkins
Confederate States agent
Sir

Acting as the agent of Mr Isaac Gilmore, I received on the 25th ult day of October 1864 - Forty one Bales - of Cotton shipped by Thomas J McKenny on wagons of A L Brock B H Harrison, Isaac Sarcaringer and Milton Biggs and Consigned to Wm M Perkins Confederate States agent at Lavaca. I paid the freight on the same amounting to $1.22½ (one and 22/100 cents) as you will see by reference to bill of lading (copy) hereunto. the Cotton came out on joint account of the Government and L. C. Huff, one half to be turned over to said Huff upon its arrival at the place of destination.

The Cotton was divided by weight there being no difference as to quality and the freight of Huff's half was deducted from the amount paid on the forty one bales. Huff's half was 21 Bales - There was sold by me Seven Bales - (Weighing 3167 lbs) of the Twenty belonging to the Government to pay freight on the same and the remaining thirteen were picked by Capt Penaloza Commandant of this post, see Copy of his order and the receipt of Capt J C Ley endorsement thereon which is enclosed.

On the 21st of October I also received Nine Bales of Cotton shipped by Thos J McKenny on joint account of Confederate States and John James and Consigned to W.M. Perkins Confederate States agent at Lavaca. I paid the freight on the same amounting to $3.00.82.

At the time of receiving this Cotton. I was also receiving Cotton of Capt Ransom Q.M. at San Antonio, he was also shipping Cotton on joint account of the Government and alters Parties and in selling Cotton of his to buy freight I sold one bale not the property of the Government and, not Knowing at the time, that it made any difference I turned over to the party claiming, one bale of the nine bale lot.

I afterwars on settlement of my accounts with the agent of Capt Ransom discovered the mistake I had made and was allowed the value here of the said bale its weight was 440 lbs, which at 22¢ would be $96.80 the remaining eight Bales were shipped by Lt Leyendecker under order of Capt Pendaloza (see Copy Before referred to) I inclose statements of my accounts and would thank you for an immediate acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter. I have written to you once before on this subject but have heard nothing from you.*

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. St.
(Signed) H. M. Stughey.

* The previous letter referred to has never been received
(signed) H. M. P.

Endorsed

Matamoras. March 31/65

Respectfully referred to Lt Col. N. J. Hutchins 2 M G Chief of Texas Cotton office.

With the request that he will take such action and make such disposal of this matter as will insure to Mrs L C Hoff (nee Mason) the export fee of 2 bales Cotton, which for want of this has been lying several months at Rio Grande City.

- to Mr John James a similar permit for ½ of 9 bales - and to have the Cotton received by Mr Hughes properly accounted for - I have not had any ~~thing~~ Connection with the matter whatever and cannot do any thing in the premises.

(Signed) H M Perkins Gil Agt

Rec'd March 8th at Nintamming - P.

Dispatch 927
11th July 1865

His Excellency

Private

Genl. and Mrs Hunt,
at home on Thursday evening
from 8 to 11.

Letter 18th Dec 1884

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6 cl W. J. Hutchins

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In regard to the McKee permits held by the Labatt — Thinks they ought not to apply to 1400 Cottons — &c

file

Office of Purchg A M
Houston Dec 10/64

Colonel

I have just seen your favor of November 9th to Mr Labadie advising that he had leave to export Cotton from Texas, (on the Mexican permits which he holds) upon the ground that I advised this purchase, and made statements to the effect that they were good. Now Mr Labadie is carrying out ~~what~~ the purchase of these papers, But on the contrary have steadily opposed them, Believing that No holder has intended to apply them "in good faith" to the Cotton which they were originally intended to Cover. They Certainly should not, under any Circumstances, be applied to Texas Cotton & I shall do my discretion & shall adhere strictly to the Course I have heretofore pursued with reference to them.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
W. J. Hutchins
Colonel A&M

To
Lt Col W. T. Broadnell
A Q Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

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Shreveport. 23d Apl 1864

M. J. Hutchins
Lt Col

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In regard to the liquidation of the claim of Allsop Bouldin Riggs & Walker:
The terms of settlement re Arms and supplies -
Indebtedness of the Govt.

Hdqrs. Ft. Bolton Office
Houston May 23 1864

Lt Colonel Brainerd
Chief Quartermaster
Department La

Col.

Acting upon the receipt of the
following from Genl Thomas
I have given Thomas & Co.
permission to ship their cotton
to Galveston & have directed
the Provost Marshal to
furnish them a guard
for the purpose. The
cotton is now being
collected in the
vicinity of Hempstead
& will take 7 or 800 bales
The Genl directs
that all
alarms
from
of
cotton
and
Cotton
Satisfie
bear

understood that I have not pur-
sued any part of this Contract
the Goods which I have been taught
in Europe & not in the U. S.
When the Factor met the
Gentlemen they asked M. F.
Cotton at 9d. he knew so
at prices M. F. would have to
at 7d. M. would have Three
Cotton & would be to pay
for Goods. I can buy in Atlanta
for Cash Three M. 10 M. — 93. of
the Bill in Rundlets Cost 125 to
50 Yds. in the R. Bale at 1.87½ —
Two Gentlemen
Blockade runners and the
cannot obtain different prices
Cotton, they
mind. Leaves it to Mr. Lockhart
Mr. not meet for Thursday
of the for Mr. Harris to be sent
Mr. — the Gin at Roswell, refused
to take them for Cash. They promised
a Return for Cotton — Kept
the South Side Paper with Study
Mill in Roswell till the
Yankees arrived —
Please give all the Cash.

[illegible] Dalhart Texas [illegible]
[illegible] Dalhart Texas [illegible]
[illegible] Dalhart Texas [illegible]

to have Depot at Kenyaka or Dan Antonio —
without something of this kind — I do
foresee no risk to have most of the army
handling Cotton — & all disaffected &
and we have a good money amongst
the foreigners out of the Country.
(Ger. Minister is a Confederate. Govmt)
He appears to think the Rent in
of Cotton - and permits this a few days
later - to make money - is of
more value than that these men
should fight & let the battle of the
Canadas —
with Cotton - lately - with
our exemption papers a Cover on
the basis of all engaged. The party
to export 200 Bales — for $62 50 —
more to be 400 Dollars or over rules
Government, Stamps at the rate — the exemp
tion Certificate to remain in force etc
but from the
hope. I am sure with milder
able to hit or Capture Rebels
Mr Secretary Crisp —
I am my Dear
Mrs Welles and
Yr. affectionate
Uncle Gideon

Captain. Houston 20th June 1861

The Communication of his removal as reported returned, that the removal took place in no hasty manner, under the judgment of the representation of that action, The Cotton offering solicited by the Military are which they considered a hindrance & discouragement was considered as contravening the law of policy of the State, but such the appearance of the town has now in fact been disorganized. & a highly flattering act of the Legislature, appointed by Governor Pleasant.

The following Regulations are known respectfully made as applicable to his Communication,

The exportation of Cotton to Mexico is now forbidden. by a law of Congress. appointed, July 6th 1861, which prohibits the exportation of Cotton except under regulations made by the President, The said forbidding clause of shall not be construed to [illegible] from exporting Cotton on the Rio Grande, and by the regulations for the enforcement of that law in Texas Order No 8 from [illegible]

To export Cotton on the passport of the State passport must be made in accordance with the regulations that it is exported on the Gulf account of the State and that no other port by any vessel shall be stated, foreign ports, the word Mexico shall be stated,

The Governor has declined to [illegible] satisfied. by that regulation. that no order for the time being, prohibiting the exportation in Cotton. was to be issued by him as opposed the effect of the Laws of Congress, or the future regulations of the Military for Cotton, and no hesitation. always more be felt in appealing to him to aid in enforcing the Laws of Congress and the regulations to give it effect,

Such the case as presented in the letter to which this

enclosed by them, in which no Engagement to go-
"The Cotton instantly belongs to them." Surely when such
would be supported by an ordinance under the law of
Congress enacted for the Southern defenses?
If the Cotton to be exported out of the State of
Texas, &c. The Owners must submit to a simple
Violation of law & such involved in such a
Claim -

Without discussing the details of the Commu-
nication, permit me with respect to Cotton, to pro-
-tect effects has been to remove the difficulty of the
Armies in this respect a subject of the highest Concern,
Manifesting the promptest and most energetic mea-
sures, which the Military authorities Can now employ,
to free in Expectation to the Military Powers,
originally purchased and Still purchased to be an
object of his fleets his efforts to secure. Shall
it be attended by Success and the fruit ensured
of encouragement [illegible] very Small amount
of aid - and [illegible] Military supply from
abroad, now depending upon the Strict enforce-
-ment of the law, and the regulations under it,
by which the Export should be made to feel
if possible the whole duty of Conservatory,
and the responsibility of rendering the armies,
incapable of the present Service, should be distinct
and clearly thrown upon his opposition. to the
present efforts of the Military to get an adequate
amount of Cotton. to prevent supplies of Clothing
Munitions [illegible] Blankets & ordnance Stores,

I am very Respy
Your ob Svt
W. S. Henderson,
Lt Col

To
Genl E. P. Johnston.
A.A.G. Hdqrs Army

Houston 19th April 1864

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chf Qtr Mr Offr

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In regard to the payment of the Claim of Bouldin Rigg & Walker. Permit to Thornton to export 1000 bales cotton to enable him to bring in guns-

Hdqrs 5th Cotton Office
Houston April 24 64

Colonel

I have not yet closed with B. R. & P. they have made the proposition for commutation - It is this - I leave from Thence 500 B/C - they are to take at our schedule rates - for the balance we agree to pay them in Cotton (according to contract) on the Rio Grande at Rio Grande prices - or if paid elsewhere R. G. prices - less charges - The above is all they are entitled to and more than we are able to pay The other contractors - from present appearances it will be some time before we take through many of their cotton - have equally as much. Teaming & claims to some more - Depredations - now in addition to paying B R & P - all of their debt in money & militia exemptions - we propose to exempt from conscription $1,000,000 B/C - which is a bonus of $90,000 - Will they agree to - complain of bad treatment - If they reject - I can not agree again to so liberal

an affair - I do think we should
be just before we are so generous
when our Generosity may compel
us to leave the appearance of Dis
-honesty - by paying one more
than we owe him & the balance
nothing - How pleasant to
Marmaduke, I - is a mistake
I think so - the Gun is not
Gone in and that contract
the Petitioners claim to export
1000 Bales - a manufacturing
Co - (in Lancashire) claim to
export 3000 & others do the
same if the Gun takes half
of the Cotton & the other half goes
out in Permits - Let Dun
look to me that Gun smith
affairs will rather suffer for Sup-
plies - and Coal - (This is a private
letter) The Government this Gun
and all these others are on the
Lines - Strengthening & the army
in the field are to go Manufactur-
ing Districts back - that those patriots
may make money - We
are raising short little Cotton this
Year - the Cotton men in Lan-

will not pay our debts + supply Com & our Army for the next year

If we could keep still long enough to accumulate Cotton to purchase Goods by good opportunity we might hope that our resources would be adequate to meet our wants.

Our Coast is thoroughly watched now - 13 vessels off Galveston - while a Dozen ships in accumulating - but the risk is very large. + it appears prudent practice to pay a good profit to the lucky few.

I have but $21.000 - worth of Cotton lately by permit a Com. thus estimating Cotton at 12½ the Bale allow them to export 8000 Bales of their own Cotton: for each 12½ of the amt 8 or 1. or for $1250 — 2000 B/a which is the whole pay - On our rules they would be entitled to a "Certificate" for amt of Goods - but to make sale - they omit certificate -

I am Col very truly
W J Hutchison
Col T.A.H. Broadwell — Lt Col +
Quartermaster

Hd Qrs Dist. Col. Office
Houston April 19 '64

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau Dept
Shreveport

Col.

I have rec'd of the Sick enclosing official reports Nos 92. authorizing J. J. Thornton - (Ass't Q.M.) - to export 500 B/c. from interference - 1000 B/c. an order of this kind in favor of an U.S. - had already been issued.

Mr Clapp - the Cotton agent has not yet returned - I suppose the Sick's cotton can be used in paying for such that have reached the Collector for the Govt.

I have written a long letter to Genl Smith - direct - on points of difficulties - which I hope you will read.

Maj Mckee is not here - but I should not hesitate to use the cotton on your instructions to pay for the dam &c.

I have also rec'd - (Capt Black's) of the 14th - and will endeavor to meet your wishes.

I am Very Resp
W P Hutchins
Lieut

4th Reg Texas Cotton office
Feby 16th 1864 G 32
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H. J. Hutchins Lt Col
& Chief of Texas Office,

Acknowledging receipt of Col
Broadwells letter - Capt Walker
in the office - Delay of details
report of the operations of the
Texas office -
The Governors scheme based
upon Cotton - Issue of State
bonds - &c -
Col Broadwell expected in
Texas

File

Hd Qrs 1st Co. Cav. Mo. Militia
Houston Feb. 10. 64

Lt Col H. A. Broadwell
Chief Col. of Bureau I. M. D
Shreveport.

Col.

I have up from Alexandria. I have not written to you for several days. I have now Capt L. F. Walker in the office. I expect to find him a very useful man. Mr. Webb is calling away so much for his private matters that he is only able to give us partial support. He is very faithful.

I expect to be ready to move to Harrisonburg with a detachment of our action

Again the Organization of the Office. I fear it will will not complete it soon.

We are progressing moving on. (not rapidly,) But Hope is the chief obstacle in the way.

After a delay of 30 days in getting us Books to print the Generals views of employing Negroes and Specie is more than $1000. The whole thing was changed again as at first. On the day the Books came in. If the Genl. had quietly said to us to change our plan to suit the only Adopted for the Cotton Bureau it would have worked no injury.

The Governor is

Sure and he has a
big scheme of his own
for the State - He
proposes to adopt our
system using State
Bonds bearing a specific
interest - as we use the
certificates - buying one
half of the Cotton and ex-
empting the other half from
impressment - E.B. Pinckney
(Sec of Tr.) - pulling the wires
I hope to see you soon
and know your valuable
assistance in moving
matters on -
My staff is here
& have not said much
to him

Yours truly
W.J. Hutchins

Houston. 23d Feby 1864.

W. J. Hutchins Esq. &c. &c.

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His views in relation to the Cotton affairs of Texas - Maj Hart's action in reference to 2000 bales at Eagle Pass - Mexican debts &c - The Governors scheme - Requests Lt Col Davis to come out & look after the interests of the Confederacy

Read. Feby 27th 1864.

Hdqrs 1st Cav. Office
Houston Febry 23. 64

Colonel

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst I write to say that Hart Lords Co Paris Texas (Capt. Culp) 2 mules B/c. & 2 mules or more at Dan Austins which the Rebels fired March 10 of this year & afterwards that the reports put 1800 000 worth of Goods to be divided as soon as the cotton reaches there. Now of the Goods I receive nothing but the first that I feel to be just that their cotton should be appropriated to pay our debts - for such declared by men that had Confidence in me. That treasonable act - of men this action on the part of that caused the arrest of the confederate Money by Rebels so Mr Whitmore writes to Burnside - & a copy of the letter I have -

Major Hart has not reported to me — He sent me a copy of a report made out last Nov. for Col Estrick: If it desires the name of a report in the Management of my plantation a matter — and requests Gen Smith to give you in charge of it — Col. I think you could talk this matter Cotton & the Col. We could furnish you — and solve all our pecuniary troubles & reach the goods at Matamoras at once — This is intended for a private letter — so I will say no more at present — confidence in your integrity & ability — now whether your work in La. is more important than this is for you to decide — I shall by thank it to

I wrote you a few days ago — that the Government had to buy Schooners for transporting Cotton — I send the bill for 8th for which take

in State Bonds = but the 8th
is an advance on the Cotton
it is to be exported and all
it nets over the 8th & charges
is to be paid to the planter - the
planter is to have the privi-
lege of exemption from impress-
ment!! ~~&~~ the same guaranty
as ~~as~~ our cotton - and it to be
been put in operation - This
will greatly increase the pro-
duction to go in - only between
will likely cause a conflict
the Gov is determined to avoid
We may have to change. We
will have to change. if we will
to accomplish any thing -
Gen TH. & the Gov — were
together 2 or 3 days & nights before
the Gov left. (Yesterday) — and
what things took place
I have not time to write but
I don't think any change will
effected - as I should have
heard of it —

Please say to Gen Smith
that I still hold his order
appointing Capt J C Ramsay
A Gen — I act in the 18th act

matter — I dont know what
Romaine — but he knows as
much as I do — & more
that I am prejudiced against
him to the last man —
How would you like
do to clear up that matter
with a Gun — if not do
better —
I am glad to see that
Kentucky speaks — We are for
Nate & his hearing — & our a
man and able Soldier to de-
fend our affairs —
With best wishes — I
am Col — yr obt Svt
W J Hutchins

Lt Col Paramount
Armies

Ad gen Cotton Office
Houston 18th March 1864

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W. S. Hutchins
Chief -

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The action of the Treas Dept
Office seriously embarrass
the acquisition of Cotton by
the Treas Office - My hope
is to reach to a similar
arrangement as that adopted
by the State Office -
Major Burgess is on the
field & I shall instruct him
at all suitable points
to facilitate Mr James Hewitt
recommended Mr James Hewitt
for Govt Agent at Mexico -
a Steamer has arrived, bound
to Matamoras &c &c

Bill

Hdqrs Quarter Texas Cotton office
Houston march 18. 1864

Col. W A Broadwell.

Chief Cotton Off T. m Dep't, Shreveport

Col.

Your several favs of 6 7. & 9th inst have been rec'd. and should sooner have been acknowledged. Every effort will be made to adjust Bonnin Rigg. & Walker's claims as soon as the amount claimed as due can be ascertained. This is unknown at present and the data for its adjustment is not now at hand - knowing a little of what amount is due. and with the present prospect of obtaining Cotton by this office it is impossible to indicate to you how much cotton you will be required to furnish on the arranging of this claim.

The uncertainty of the Dept Genl on the subject of supplies noted by this office and a hope in consequence that we may be able to relieve this to some extent from this quarter this the agency of Blockade runners - I have to advise that something of considerable consequence has arrived within the last week the extent of which is not now known certainly more than (under the difficulties we labor) we can procure cotton to pay for with promptitude, this will be alluded to in a few days when fuller information can be imparted - we have news by Telegraph of the arrival during last night of a Steamer from Havana full loaded with arms and ammunition -

Of course until an effort is made to use the Bank checks on New York it cannot be ascertained how available they may be for the purchase of Ordnance Stores of any other Army Supplies - all the range is for Cotton and no one will take any thing in lieu of it if that can be obtained

For the negotiation of such paper and for the purchase of supplies on the Rio Grande under the auspices of this office it is very needful to have a first class man located there and this office suggests to you (may urge upon you) to employ Mr James Hewett for whom the members of this office entertain the most perfect confidence and believe that from his high character that he may not only effect great good for the Country but reflect credit on this office should he accept the position of th agent.

I have the satisfaction of having discouraged your sending some 5.000 Bales of Cotton in any amount that can be procured and transported here - for it can be profitably as it and now most especially since Gen - Banks plans so seriously affects our efforts to obtain Cotton we must look to your assistance for something of what we had calculated on obtaining under our rules. It appears that Gen Smith in instructing a clearance to have all Cotton sent to Matties for the purchase of supplies overlooks the important fact that a large amount is required to pay for goods introduced thro the blockade which is becoming quite an "institution" and this office inclines to the opinion that Gen Smith will find his Department supplied by it with as large an amount as will for a like period be introduced over the Rio Grande and at more reasonable prices

* It is hoped you will secure Mr Hewetts services at once and advise us that we may avail of them or else we may be compelled to secure some other - will again allude to these matters in a few days.

Yr. Resp'y - W. J. McAllister

Lt Col and Chief

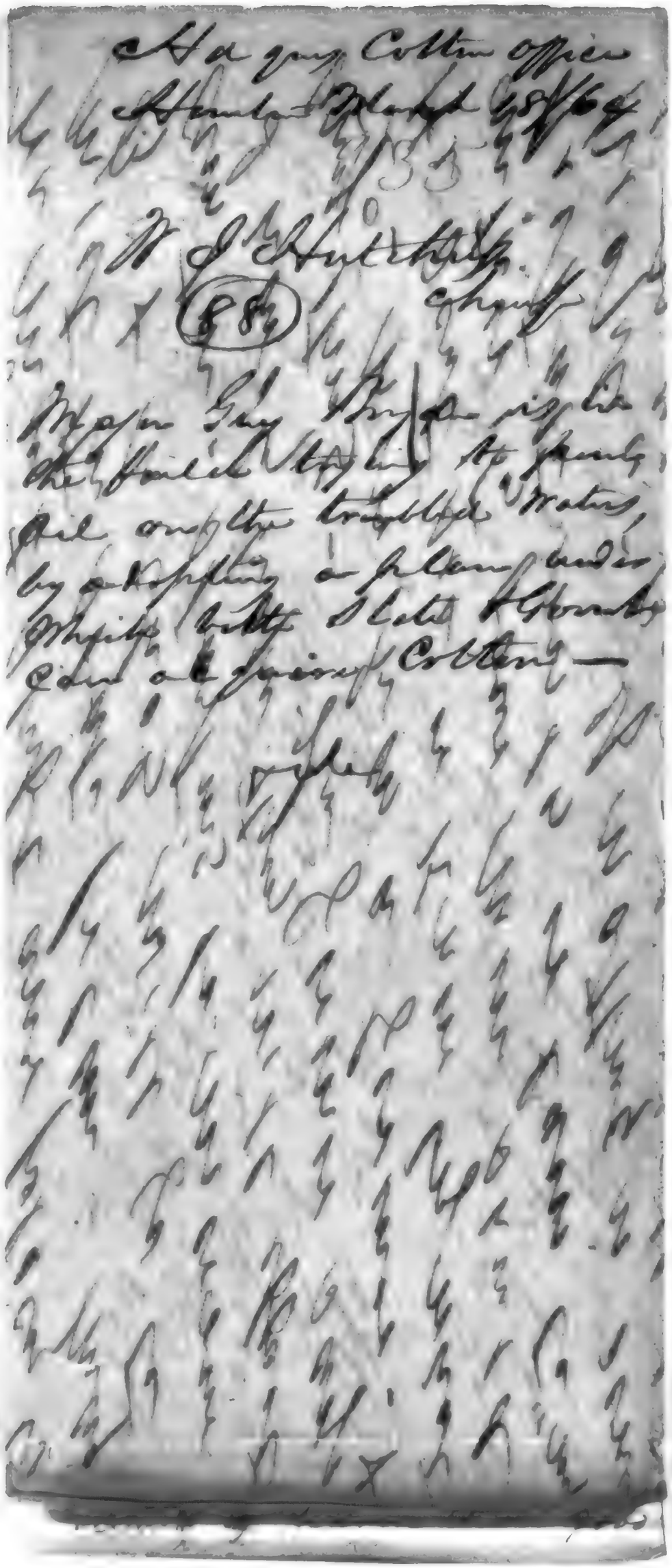
Guns & Lost in by Mr Ben Clements 4200
" " " Ed. Caldwell 1200
" " " T W Adams 700
" " " Stone Alin 1700
" " " R Mills Ho 720
" " " Sch Velocity 1033
— 9.553

We have another Steamer in from Havana. Could get the Cut entirely — I have not seen a list of Her Cargo — but it is reported that she has Gun Powder & Ammunition. We have now a good Infantry man in this District — also plenty of Powder & Lead — I Cannot Still need some clothing & Medicine — which I hope will soon be here — I have made a Contract with Kenedy & Kleiss to import Beef & Hope I may them, I am. Adams the Agent left 2 weeks since for Matamoras

They propose to take Cotton at 4 Cents and put it on a Ship at the mouth of the Rio Grande free of all charge for one half the Cotton —

W J H.

Feb 19, 02



Head Qrs Fx Comfds in
Clinton Tenn Feb 18. 64

Colonel.

I wish you to - si-
lence. Stopping the fire up some ar-
rangement with E Tennessee
as to the State to by which
we can go on to & attain - if we
can arrangement & in her make
we must adopt some policy to
meet the State Prison - Mij
Ely the Ohio will go to
Cincinnati to-morrow
and hourly thereafter will depart
any thing for - Gen Burnside a Genl -
Ft Pickens Sta Rosa or Key West by what
ever the Govt shall or Law to "my
Head Qrs" - If nothing is done
by Friday - I shall have
to bury with Mercy - Speci-
or &c - and pray out of the pro-
ceeds of the Cotton. Interested
or something else -

I wish write you offi-
cially in answer to 2 or 3
letters on various matters - Inf &c
Et cal Brownlow & Maj Hutchins
Cincinnati

Houston 28th Mch 1864.

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W. J. Hutchins.

Lt Col. C.

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In regard to the purchase of Cotton in Texas.

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Respy returned. with the recommendation that the object of any Govt purchase of Cotton should be acted upon. that instructions be given to destroy all cotton likely to be captured by the Enemy — and that any Rebel be detained, to close promptly this business & make full report to this office — the I believe that has done & is doing more harm than good

but as my Robertson
may have undertaken
to complete transactions
entered into by my
Partner Lieut Col Cannon
& may if agreeable - Lt
might be spell it to
with him to Carlisle
Under these offences
& I cannot say so &
which under
immediate Pleasantness
the steps undertaken
Lieut Colonel letting

Houston March 28th 1844

Colonel.

Maj Guy has not returned from his visit to the Indian tribes
Gover. Maj Guy went away
beg with the idea - that the
Gover would pitch on his depar-
ture each. I hope he will
soon make an start to a
similar trip to the Governor. when
the Governor was in Houston. and
after remaining two days with
with the Governor. or I should
have said "sitting. two days
& nights" - This friendly paper
was so attached - recognizing
the Governor as a Person - equal
to this office - and without this
Paper - I doubt if ever the Gover
might to expect Cotton would
have added largely to our
receipts - Nichols went up
and some one was wicked enough
enough to say that he had liquor
enough along to call an extra
session of the Legislature - We
will see -

I have bagged more cotton
in 3 months - (the people call

in giving to the Com. officers — there
may it — has been slot in 18 months
with millions of money — at
this present — I am only
this d. have received no news
in purchasing supplies — and
met d. have, nearly one hundred
cattle —

Yours sincerely
R. D. Hunter

Col Broadwell
Shawneetown

2500

Houston (85) Texas
March 15th 1864

Lt Colo W. S. Hutchings
Texas Cotton Office

Giving information of his Cotton
obligations which he hopes
to meet & asking all the aid
this Bureau can render in doing
the Wants of the Govt — also
enclosing Copy of Mr Fields's
instructions to the agents of the
State Office of Texas - for inspection
of this Bureau —

2 enclosures

Office of the Texas State Loan Agency
Austin Texas March 10th 1862

Wm. Jamyson Esqr Waco Falls

Dear Sir

In answer to your inquiries in reference to the discharge of your duties as agent of this office, you will be governed by the following additional instructions — Viz — Whenever a vessel is ready to haul Cotton to the Rio Grande & three days notice of the same you will require him to sign the enclosed Bill of Sale and give him in return a Statement of the Vendor standing in substance as follows.

The Vendor having conveyed to the State of Texas, 200 Bales of Cotton which he agrees to transport to the Rio Grande as per Bill of Sale of even date herewith. Now therefore in Consideration of his having furnished the Cotton and agreeing to transport the same to the Rio Grande, one half of the same will be received at the Rio Grande, one half of the same will be received at Austin and the other half sold at Auction for cash. The proceeds of which after deducting the freight (not to exceed one fourth the value of the Cotton) and charges shall be paid him, into the Treasury of the State of Texas drawing Six per Cent (6 p.c.) Interest payable semi annually in Specie — When the Vendor sells and delivers to you such Cotton for the State for a like quantity and quality he returns for the purpose of exporting, you will require him to sign the same form of Sale to the State (which is necessary for his protection) and will give him in Sales taken as follows. — In Consideration of your having sold and delivered to the State of Texas — Bales of Cotton for for the Bonds of the State

and Landing Agent at the State an equal quantity of Cotton deliverable on the Rio Grande Consigned to L.B. Nichols agent, on the arrival of the said Cotton the same will be reconveyed to you upon paying the freight and charges if any accrue, Cotton Bought on a basis of 10c for middling, This authorize you to buy 11c for Good middling, 12c for middling fair and 12½c to 13c for Fair or finer, In buying the bulk of the crop remember you will buy no Crop that does not average Good Ordinary or above, Good ordinary Cotton are not desireable, and in no instance will you Consign the State in payment for consigning parcels of ordinary or low ordinary Cotton, All Cotton Conveyed to the State whether it be Cotton delivered to the State or hired by the Vendor (to be transported by him) for Shares or in transit, The wagon teams and drivers with such details of Management Absconpts and State troops as are authorized by Special order No 28" from District Head Quarters will be exempted from impressment or Requisition,

Signed L.B. Nichols
Agent

Copy

Headquarters Dist. Southern Texas
Houston March 6. 1864

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Asst Adjt Genl
Shreveport

Sir I have the honor to report for the information of the Major Genl Commanding the receipt of your communication of the 22d ult. Enclosing Requisition of Maj Genl Magruder for Short thread Circular " " " Chief of Staff. Calling for Reports " Letter Maj. J. P. Hunter, Montgomery — February 4th 1864 " Endorsement on letter of Howard Smith of March 4th " Copy of instructions to Mr J. G. Perkins, agent.

I will furnish Mr Perkins whatever facilities may be in my power & hope it may be able to accumulate some portion of the Cotton on the Contract of Mrs Boulin & Newell You must not place too much reliance on this office to Meet this engagement for from present indications we shall not be able even to Meet the orders from Dept Hdqrs requiring the 500 Bales for Col Stockton & 850 Bales for Gen W. Sampson although we shall use efforts to place that Cotton at San Antonio in Compliance with Genl Smiths orders. We are also pledged to meet the engagements of our Commissioners for delivering 1000 Bales on the Colorado immediately & 800 Bales within a short time at Eagle Pass & San Antonio which will consume all the Cotton we expect to receive for some time.

Maj Lee arrived here yesterday & will remain until his further orders are received from Shreveport. He will then proceed to Mexico. You are aware of his reasons

in Commencing his operations there. We will use
our utmost exertions to Meet engagements he may
Make but must rely on you in a great measure
to provide for his engagements. A Circular for
your information Copy of Instructions of Mr Nicholy
agent of the State office. to his Subagents. which will
enable you to form Some idea of his plans. which are
received with so much favor by the planters.

I Write to your remarks in reference to
sending Mr Nugent to Illinois you Can best
Judge how Such Services may be made available
It is important that we please our Cotton & Land
of it as we get through to Illinois. where it will
realize the largest amount of money To accomplish
this an agent of known integrity and Capacity should
be trusted with this duty.

Yours Truly
Your obt Servant
W J Hutchins
Limit Collector

Mr John Jones of San Antonio wishes to turn over 200 Pfs
to Anderson Rusk & Short write him. Enclose you
his letter for your action

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Houston 19th March
Col M. L. Stevenson
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In regard to returning
recruits &c. &c returned

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Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston March 10, 1864

Lieut Col W. T. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

I have the honor to wait
on you with Invoices of Stationary. together with receipts for your
Signature which you will please return at your Convenience. These
Articles go forward today per Express. I will remark that
these were obtained from the Post Quartermasters Dept. & Not purchased
by this Office. which may account for high figures at which they
are Invoiced. Having been purchased in this Market. for Confd
Money.
I trust. this Stationery may reach you
Safe & Speedily. & prove Satisfactory.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W J Hamilton
Lieut Colonel & Chief

Houston 23d March 1864

Wm J. Hutchins.

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Referring to the appointment of the Wells-
don not wish to
accept an appoint-
ment as a Guard
agent of the Govt.

Head Qrs 5th Corps
Petersburg March 23. 64

Lt Col W H Emerson
Chief Cotton Bureau, Dept
Cabinet. Shreveport. La

I have your communication
papers appointments and
a bond of officers and orders
from the report to this office
have both oaths of
each of said officers and
part and is now in charge
to receive this

Since you are quite
in doubt what you are right
in doing I have to direct
operations of Bureau in that
country -

I am now in Virginia
and again to start Cotton next
and if permitted to go on I
hope to move it in proper
Cotton quantities -

You will support me - and
I have the fullest confidence
for and confidence in Gen
If you have a complete

Brownsville Sept 5th

[illegible] Hampton. Ordered them to move. I
[illegible] to proceed to the Arroyo in Santa
Teresa [illegible] Col Harney. by Col
Stevens [illegible] Col I am directed
to send Capt te Merritt to bring his Company
to this post [illegible] Capt Hunter
is now in Matamoras
about 40 [illegible] Gen Slough
to Hinks & had but accept
Kennedy's proposal to Tele-
Cotton at Alley to - place it
on Ship board off the mouth
of the Rio Grande. for half.
I hope in 2 or 3 days to learn
the result of my Brazos
Trip to the Governor. the may
learn that he could take the
Forces down - Nichols went
up with the Maj -
I inclose a letter for Mrs
J. Brown to the H R Artillery - they
are the Agents of the Central R.R.
sent by me to purchase ne-
groes for the Army.
I am Col
Yr Obt Svt
W. J. Hardee
Lt Col C.

March 21st 1864

W. I. Hutchins Lt Colo

Cotton Office

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Reporting to Secret Work, &

Agent for disposing of Same

Office — —

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Shreveport, Monday 21st 1864

Capt. Jno. J. Hale

Capt Bacon Headquarters Department

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Hd Qrs 5th Cotton Office
Houston Mch 21 '64

Lt Col H. H. Brownell
Chief Cot. Bureau T. M.
Shreveport

Col

I have again to call your attention to the 18th Ass't Surg. now on duty in this city. He is a worthless and drunken fellow & I have no confidence in his professional skill. I have frequently had occasion to report him for drunkenness on duty & I am satisfied that he is not a proper person to be retained in the service. I respectfully request that he be ordered to report to the Medical Director of this Department for examination.

I am Col
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

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Houston Texas 24th 1864

Lt. Col. W.J. Hutchins

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In relation to manilla
Rope not to be had.

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Hdqrs 1st Com Offices
Benton Barracks Mo March 24 1864

Lt Col Brackett
Chief Cotton Bureau 13th A.C.
Memphis

Col

I am sorry that the 1st Mississippi Rifles cannot be found - 3/4ths the Command size that can be found.

Respectfully
W. B. Hinchman
Lt Col 1st C.

Would you like to have
2 Reams of the Paper

Head Qrs 1st Regt Engrs Office
Houston Mch 31 1864

Lt Col Wm Bowman A.A.G.
Chief Engr Banneau Dist
Shreveport La.

Colonel.

I have now little of the
24th. Jackson Cotton and
215 from E. Cunningham. Lo Lake.
Sent through yr Office. Directing the
Boats in Red River to be turned
to Shreveport for from the mouth of the
Black River channel has been taken
which will be complied with on
application. Also that the Line
Mo of Rails shall be subject to
the order of this Office from Shreveport
to be made to Thence for Yards
distributed the Post.

I will just say this - That the
Regt - should have been re-
tained to buy Iron Rails.
east of the Brazos - they in the
River & to form Limits of the
Rio Grande as settlers advance
with each Regiment. and buy
Cotton that are in the Post
and which the Post Quarter
Master for its use - they can
purchase the Cotton at Post

a part in our sale of the selling price of cotton bales. It is equal to a bonus of $150.00 in gold - if they buy the cotton now as they have already done to some extent and which I declined to allow them to take out free - You will see that now under our rules every one of these bonds can be filled at half price - The hope was made to have for the first - we desire to the holders of these bonds - or the advertising the merits of the Citizens out of use of their cotton to the extent of the bonds for this benefit - I have not changed this will - but we must divide get the "2½"

Must write the Son - Constant any: prompts - Thanksgiving to Lincoln H.L. - The cotton likely to go out of the country without much benefit to the Gov. Gives - Must Jacob to go in my present - Income. I am sorry he misunderstood it - but hearing you might I gave the command - Hayes at Jim Antonio - Mrs. Wirt

from Pittsburg. Will you please
let some of your friends know
that I am in the hands of the
Lord, in the Penitentiary
Chaplain has called in the
right man for the work.
Capt Davis will be a good
man.
I should like to answer the
Presbyterian article to the
Richmond.
I write in the
my last about the growth of
religion the Cotton at Bunn
Ferry in Wake Co. It commenced
with three persons
baptized and added to the
church. Since then 40 have
united with the church at
that point. Ten could
be baptized at Bunn's
Store. Bro Bailey is here
He says the prospect is very
fair for Mr Cotton's visit.
Pastor is very anxious
that Bro Bunn be not
returned from Antioch.
Yr obt Servt
W J Hawkins
Lt Col & Chap

Capt Stovall - says the Sabine never rises till June - and remains up but a short time not longer than two or three weeks - one or at most two Trips is all that could be relied on during that time. - All the Boats in the Sabine would not bring down more than 2000 - Bales One Trip -

H.

This B/L - for my A/c - should have attention -

X - By the word "Cleaning" - I mean - that a Company of 15 Boys - Cattle Tenders & Manufacturing &c - The Govt - give them a permit to export 2 or 3 M M. B/L - for - to purchase Transport - Now the use of this appears - merely This - to keep the Cotton at 15 the price they want to have to pay for it - if there is no restriction - One Company & Factor - to have a permit to export 3000 Bls.

The Machinery in the Mills will Pay Duty - Can not obtain Free - Can not compare it at the Bounty with more than buy the machinery and pay part of Expense.

B

Hd Qrs 5th Corps Office in
Huntsville Mch 19. 64

Lt Colonel Broadrupe
Chf Cotton Bureau, D.T.M
Onbeyant

Col.

I have yrs of the 16th inst
inclosing ~~inclosing~~ from Col Ely
Thomas Jr. a.a.d.c. letter No
2268 - also copy of your report.
I wrote by this Courier to Capt
Williams - I am obliged to
you for the Copy of the report -
Mrs Mills & Mrs Miller - have
been at work on my report for
2 or 3 days - all spare time -
I will send it in a few days -
They commenced more than a
month since to get up a report
but Mrs Mills was not very
well and it was not finished -
I shall expect to annex this
one as the 3rd. report - to the
financial report will be
at that time - - with
regard to maj Hart's matters
I know nothing - If he has
not been shot - one Gen - two
Colonels Pender - Campbell

Thus - don't let on to me about
I am not informed of it - I
have not seen the man that
they have met - Mr.
Hollingsworth Thinks the stand
go on and close up his business
- I do not hope you could have
been spared long enough to
have Visited San Antonio and
seen the matter as it is - -
I wrote you on Yesterday - That
new Grant has prepared by the
Agent of the Osage Indians.
If you can't get him and
Mr Nugent - We must
reach Grants
Then We may Here - We have
to buy in Competition with others
and the prices are sometimes
very high - I enclose a Memo
of Corn that this office may
have for. or have to do. We in
Hundred Bids The Organization
of the office - about you will - The
Governor has undertaken To
pay for.

The Governor has taken
down very much - So F. F. Mc.
Kenzie writes - May Bryan
God help us on this

Ruff
W. J. Hutchins

Houston 3rd Aug 1842

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W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col & Ch Cotton Office

Information in reply to the
adjustment of the Mexican
difficulties & the opening of
trade the amount of cotton
required to meet the settlement

Head Quarters Texas Cotton office
Houston March 3. 1864

Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief Atty Bermuda
Shreveport. La

Sir

I am in receipt by this evenings mail of letter from our agent at Eagle Pass. Maj T. B. Lee. Enclosing Communication from Genl J. B. McKinney & T. J. Devine dated Monterey 21 Feby in which the State that the preliminaries of an adjustment have been agreed upon. & Requesting Maj Lee to prepare 500 Bales Cotton for immediate delivery at Eagle Pass. which is the final Condition of the arrangement. These Gentlemen speak Confidently of the difficulties being adjusted & me to leave Monterey for Eagle Pass within 3. or 4. Days

The $15.000.000 Confederate had already been received & started forward to the Rio. This will open our trade again. and to complete the engagements of our Commissioners 450 Bales Cotton will have to be delivered at San Antonio & same quantity at Alleyton on the Colorado. & thereafter. as also about 400 B/C at Eagle Pass. at some date. as soon as practicable. In all requiring about 2000 Bales to adjust the matter

Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W J Hutchins
Asst Cotton Agt

Houston 7th March 1864

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col
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In relation to the transaction on Cotton with M. Simmons & offering to obtain letters.

Filed

Hd Qrs 1st Co. Cherokees
Tahlequah Nov 13 64

Lt Colpa Boudinot
Chf Com Bureau. I. Ter. D
Ohanapecosh

Col.

I have yrs of Sany 20th by Mr T. Simmons - enclosing a letter of 12th Oct. from yrs to Gen Banks -

I have agreed with Mr Simmons as yrs wish to take Cotton here and yrs to give him a like amount East of the Arkansas River - He has not yet paid the Number of bales that he desires to turn over to this office under the agreement - I understand he is about to take any Cotton here in hand. and purchased prior to this Agreement

I am Mr Respt
W J Hutchins
Lt Col Cherokees

Houston 9th March 1864

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To W. J. Hutchins
Esq
Ltr

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In regard to appointing
Agt in Mexico to purchase
army Supplies

File

Head Qrs 1st Corps Army of the Cumberland
Lt Colonel Broadwell
Chief Commissary 1st Div
1st Corps

Col. I have upon the 29th
Inst. the following proposal of
appointments as agents as regards
to whom we shall apply for
information, as to the needs
of the Army. is wholly approved
If we are not able to procure
those named this will may
be needed. Through such an
agency of this kind. We
can procure such articles
as are most needed. I
do hope Major D. D. Lee - if
you conclude to appoint
him. may procure to be a proper
man. -
It has been
a source of annoyance to
me to know what articles
were of the first importance
to such -
Very Respt

is absent without leave for 60 days
has been sent to Monterey. Capt
Dunnett is much opposed to him
as a bad character. Capt Brown
visited us [illegible] this morning and
has ordered the Sloop of War
Dale to sail in the Spring
for Monterey. Dr Gibbons
is ordered to remain at
Yerba Buena to relieve
Dr Murphy

Lieut Gibbons
Lt Coast Survey

The order for Platt may be rescinded
I will try and get it
from Murphy

Houston 9th March 1840

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col &c
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Refering to his interview with Maj Hart. His own impressions in regard to the practical operation of the Texas affairs

Filed

Head Qrs Co. Cavalry
Fort McKeen Dak.
Oct 5th 64

Sir I enclose you 2nd letter
of 29th Sept. with reply on
the same. I have
the pleasure to inform you
that if any steps are taken
towards winding up my
Estate at present by you
by letter from this Office
will be
worthless. I am sure you
will not allow a Debt of mine
to remain
unpaid. I am willing to assist
any thing to help the Case
if with the Soldiers
I do not think Capt
Ramsey can take
to take charge of Hats Coats
I had a pretty good number
when I was with the Major
when he was first
at Fort Rice
that if it wants for Capt
for his Service. I told
him if I could come to
his assistance any thing that

would benefit the Confederate
States - That was may not
be D.'s most appears to our little
way - still the manifest is a
wish to act in accordance
with the wishes of the offi-
cers our Commissioners have
committed the offense for a large
amount of Cotton - and the whole
pay part or all of it
I wish you could have
seen the organization of the
officers tonight - it must also
-cers - I ought to have
done so - but not having
accepted - Really - no one
- If is mortified - disappointed
has his Commission after
him - If I command - every
afternoon, 5th or 20 men to
[illegible] I would
as soon be alone - If I
could secure the services of Gen
Wise or A.S. I prefer
to be alone - and then I
would depend only on myself
Truly yrs.
Ed Brownell & W. Webb Adams

Houston 26th Feby 1866

W. J. Hutchins
Lt. Col. & A.G. Commissioner

Enclosing report of Saander
Cannon in regard to the action
of State Agents in Texas
acting under authority from
the State in the purchase of
Cotton - Confiscation &c -

Answered from Sec
War Dept

Head Quarters Lft cotton Office
Houston February 26. 1864

Lt.

Enclosed find copy of letter of L. Cameron one of our most intelligent agents, showing the readiest mode of the State laws for your information that of the Lt Gen'l Command-

The reports from other quarters indicate a scarcity of plows, so as not all wishes-

His wishes me will have me to adopt some change of policy in regard to confiscations, but in the meantime, the cotton is not yet packed to any extent - Bagging & rope are not in the country & belonging our effort to procure cotton depend much on a prompt supply, I have to request that you send at once a good supply of baling stuff including if to be had down there -

Lt. Col. H. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Trans. Miss Department
Shreveport

W. E. Hutchins
Lt. Col. and Chief-

Copy

Cantonment Rio, Feby 21st, 1864

Lt Col W. J. Hutchings
Chf Cotton Bureau
Austin Texas

Dear Sir

I have just returned from Austin County, where I went last week, and I regret to say I met with little success. I found a hard competitor in Mr Frank Cook who is buying Cotton for the State. His terms if he is properly posted are much more liberal than that of the Bureau. He offers parties who will carry out any number of Bales. Half the proceeds in Gold and half in State bonds drawing 6% interest payable in Specie Semi-annually. The latter realizes in this way the full price at which his Cotton is sold in Mexico.

Cook proposes to detail a Mobilitia man, or any one not already Sworn into the Confederate Service who will start with a single Wagon, giving him the privilege of an exempted Negro driver. With such inducements by Cook it will be difficult for me to purchase Cotton. Is Mr Cook authorized to make such propositions in the face of the Cotton Bureau? I know he is bound in what he proposes or does but inclined to doubt the propriety of the instructions under which he acts. His Commission emanates from Gen. E. B. Nichols

Please favor me by return

Mail how I am to act under the Circumstances
I wish to go immediately back into Austin Co
as soon as I can hear from you. or before Cook
goes his rounds, He will be very active

Very Respectfully

Signed

Leander Cannon

1917

Atty

W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col Chief

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Houston & N. Jeans 64

W. J. Hutchins

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Enclosing receipts for 90
bales of Cotton delivered at
Navasota. & expenses & the
purchase of ordnance &
ord.ce Stores—

Texas Cotton Office
Houston June 9th 1864

Lieut Colonel N. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

You will please find herewith enclosed Receipts for 190 Bales Cotton 89,701 lbs delivered at Navasota.

The Steamer Carolina arrived at Galveston this morning. I am informed that She brings 1000 Enfield Rifles (500 for Government. 500 for the owners account) I am not advised as to the remainder of her Cargo, I shall endeavour to secure the arms & ordnance stores. though I must frankly acknowledge I have no means of providing payment for them.

I have forwarded to agents on the Rio Grande Copies of Gen Orders No 57. District Head Quarters, The Commanding officer in that Line have been ordered to permit no more Cotton to cross the river.

A rumor has been Current here for the past 8 days. to the effect that. President Juarez. has imposed a duty of 50% in lieu on Cotton arriving in mexico. Late advices from the Frontier do not Confirm this report. it is therefore discredited here as also at San Antonio.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. J Hutchins
Lieut Colonel Cmdg

Signal Office
Bowling Green June 10 1864

Lt Col Wm. Braidwell
Chief of Staff
Okolona Miss

Colonel I have the honor to report that I shall keep all men under my command that arrive. and should any thing I can do in connection with the introduction of men under your control I will cheerfully do so. We have no more men or transportation. that we brought. We came to Meridian by night in. I want it remembered. That Buford's Division of Cavalry - & Capt Hudson - will be brought in. and not do marching Days that cost 75 to 100 - and salt water invoices made for them - We have no Cotton to pay for them - The Yankees captured 1900 of the Commissary

Hunstanton 9th June 1864

M. J. Hutchinson

Lt Col

376.

Referring to the stationery
turned over to Capt Gage
& requesting him to
supply this office

Dear Cotton Office

Newton June 11th 1864

Colonel

In answer to communication of Lieut J. W. Hendrix of the 8th Instant, I will state that, I have purchased & transfered to Capt J. E. Gary, A.A.M., who is ordered to Department Headquarters, about $200. Worth Letter & Cap Paper, Envelopes & other Stationery. which he takes with him to supply the Naval Department. I have requested him to supply you fully from this Shipment which he has promised should be done. There are no Copying Books in the Market. The Carolina Just in has 8, or 10 which I will Secure & send you one ~~or two~~, I think the Assortment of Stationery which Capt Gary takes with him will supply every thing you require. I am

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. J. Hendrix
Lieut A.A.G. & Insp

To
Lieut. A.A.G. & Broadnax
Hd Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Not stationery here for sale in Small Lots

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Hanston Jan 1st 1864

W. J. Hutchings

Lt Col &c

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Endeavoring at all times to secure
Legislation against persons
unlawfully interfering with
private property & private
rights - Importation of
B. & R. & Salting Cotton &c
of the Steamer Isabel - Arrival
of the Indiana with Specie

signed by Bronson with - for 10 Bbls - this is now a precedent which must always refused to sit - This must certainly be known and applications will come from every high house and from similar price list - and they will have to be granted a great complaint will be made - I am sure to make a mistake in granting it -

I enclose copy of the bill intended for the destruction of this office - it has been greatly changed since its first introduction into the Senate -

What has become of the Cotton on the Sabine - I greatly need it.

I am sorry to have to report the loss of the Steamer Isabel from Havana - she had a valuable cargo - mostly Ordnance stores - I forwarded from this office list of articles lost -

The little Steamer Panama has arrived with 60 small Cargo - a small Schr has just arrived with 400 Bags for Gal. 1440 in private account. 80.0 on Cap

Yours truly
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col

AN ACT to punish unlawful interference with private property or private rights.—

Section 1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that if any person or persons shall, without lawful authority, take, molest, or disturb, or cause to be taken, molested or disturbed, the personal or moveable property, of any person or persons in this State, or if any person or persons, without lawful authority, molest or disturb any person or persons in the free use and enjoyment of his, her, or their personal or moveable property, or unlawfully cause any person to be molested or disturbed, or if any person or persons shall, without lawful authority, prevent or prohibit, or cause to be prevented, or prohibited, any person from lawfully transporting, or exporting, or disposing of, his, her, or their personal or moveable property, by threats, force, exaction, or any other means whatever, or if any person or persons shall under the semblance of legal order, or authority unlawfully take, molest or disturb, the personal or moveable property of any person or persons, or by any means whatever interfere with, or cause to be interfered with, the free use, transportation, exportation, or disposition of the same, or shall in the exercise of lawful authority, act unlawfully, or oppressively, towards the owner thereof, by him, or them offending, and every person so offending, shall be deemed guilty of an offence, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one Hundred Dollars, or by imprisonment in the County Jail, not longer than twelve months, or by confinement at hard labour in the Penitentiary, for any term, not less

than two years, or by fine and imprisonment aforesaid, at the discretion of the Jury

SEC. II If any person shall violate any provision of the first section of this act, under the false pretense of acting under orders, from lawful authority, when in fact he has, no such orders, it shall be deemed an aggravation of the offence, and punished by fine of not less than two Hundred Dollars, and by confinement at hard labour in the Penitentiary, not less than four years, or by fine and imprisonment as aforesaid, at the discretion of the Jury

Approved May 28th 1864

Augusta 6th June 1864

W. B. Hutchins

Esq

Respecting the Election of
the Texas Legislature. The
Despatch & the Texas Letter
Office & Quartermasters
Department etc

Navy Agent's Office
Houston June 6th 1864

Colonel

I have the honor of enclosing herewith a Copy of Letter of Instructions to Lieut Wells No 3648 Letter 3648 from the Bureau of Ordnance & Hydrography with Circular & Letter No 3649 from the Bureau of Construction Equipment & Repair and Letter No 3650 from Bureau of Steam Engineering with Circular & Letter No 3651 from Bureau of Yards & Docks

Judge [illegible] having resigned his office as Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, I have the honor to request that I may be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by his resignation.

I have the honor to be very respectfully your obedient servant

Thos Allen
Navy Agent

Colonel L. Thomas
Adjutant General
Washington D.C.

This question is answered verbally

P.S. - Judge Gray has just shown me the "Telegram" of the 4th from Dear Mr. Gus which I return herewith. I will place [illegible] on record. [illegible] from the [illegible] this [illegible] P.S. That at [illegible] the 27 [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] office [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Houston 25th May 1864

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M. J. Hutchins

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Enclosing letter to Maj Betts. The requisition of Thos F. Coleman of the Iron Service -

Expects arrival of three Steamers with ammunition - The Solicitor Attorney directed to pay for them.

Hdqrs 1st Cotton Office
Boston May 28th 62

Colonel

Lincoln a letter for me
Both. I have the Bill for
Cot Clemson - I will report if
any thing can be done with it here
I have no word from the
Sabine Cotton - Wagons (Ocean
Steamers) are the only source re-
liance to get it - I greatly
mist this Cotton - I am in
debt more than $300,000 - Three
Steamers are now due - One of
them the "Isabel. has 1800 - En-
field Rifles on Her - The three
Steamers will have $1,500,000 - worth
of Goods or more. and such Goods
as we must have.

I have written to Gen Smith
advising that the 2/3 Cotton be
turned over to this office - also
that 1/2 of the Cotton in the State be
required to be sold to the Government
State Cotton not excluded - If
the State is left out it will act
with great injustice on those who
have to comply - Will a Quartermaster
question - Yours Resp
Col W. A. Bragg, A.A. W. J. Hutchins
& Inspect.

Houston 1st June 1864.

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W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col &c.

Boat

Col. L. Houston June 1st 1864

I wrote you on the 26th
the day I saw you with the Cattle
the 27th The Genl & Staff
Visited the Camp & Gave him the Grand
Review - May Brown
Assembled by Genl Lee -
will try and write the Genl to-
morrow.

I sent the Telegram about
the 15th but for Gen Gilm.
will reply This Morning - the
Cannon is now here and com
delivered in Pleasant Grove
Waranted - The Gunners
Sample are dear.

Col Buford has not finish
ed the base of bolton -
tried to engage him to work
for the Government - and was
willing to pay well - but the
Gold price was entirely above
any reach - (Greenbacks) -

The Cotton office with Lieut
Smith and others - (Capt Aldrich)
are ordered before the Cotton
Board Today. This Morn
ing & may be about over

Houston vs Lewis et al
No 5-3
Wm. L. Hutchins
vs
Peter Lee et al
Bond

Newton May 22/64

Co. F. S. Hutchins

to Capt W. B. Black

Respecting the purchase of Ope & enclosing Invoice of same

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston Dec 22 1863

Enclosed please find Bill of Lading
which we purchased and as per your order of the 8 inst.
We will substitute this, in favor of that shipped to you
Please forward us Draft for the proceeds ($ Three
One Hundred & fifty Two Dollars) in favor of Chas. J.
this place.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servants
Lt Gormillo

Houston 28th May 1844.

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M. J. Hutchins
Lt Col &c

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Referring to the action of the Texas Legislature making it a penal offence to acquire Titles in Texas under the rules of the Texas Titles office the operations of the Brazos Manufacturing Company and other companies. Suggests the policy of taking one half of the land Titles of Texas. the State Titles not excepted.

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston May 28th 1864.

General,

I have already advised You of the Bill now before the Texas Legislature, making it a penal offence to acquire Cotton under our present plan, punishable by fine and imprisonment in any County where the party aggrieved may reside - and that of this bill becomes a law, my associates will most probably resign - but without this law, General, it is now necessary to consider how the Armies are to be supplied. If the Governor Military Board and the thirty or more manufacturing Companies (or rather Companies to export Cotton and manufacture it into money) now organized and about being organized, have full liberty to export Cotton as the Governor deems, we shall wholly fail to obtain Cotton in the Regimental Quartermasters.

For your consideration, I suggest the propriety of demanding that one half of the Cotton of the County be sold to the Government - State Cotton not excepted.

I have had some talk with Major Bott about the Tithe Cotton. I proposed to furnish Bagging & Rope if he could give this Office the use of the Cotton. If this is under your Control, I think it of the highest importance that it be used to support your Armies.

I did hope that Major Bott would have delivered large Quantities of Supplies before this, but I have no knowledge that he has brought one Dollars worth of goods into the Country during the past six months.

You gave the Borgos Manufacturing Company permission to export five Hundred (500) bales Cotton. The Governor has given them fifteen Hundred (1500) in all 2,000. The Machinery in our Penitentiary can be bought with the

proceeds of Three or Four Hundred bales - so Gen. Bacon says - he bought and put the machinery to work. Capt. Lockett now writes to Brig. Gen. Slaughter, Chief of Staff, that a large quantity of Cotton is now on the Road West, as belonging to his Company, that it has no interest in - The Secretary (W. B. Lockett) says the Company has but 200 Bales, and that fully 1000 bales belong to that Company, are now on the Road to the Rio Grande, and asks that all be stopped.

I merely mention this just to show you how little chance we have to procure Cotton, with the Various Military Board, & the Manufacturing Companies pirating in every County.

I think too that it should be considered that all gratuitous permits to export Cotton, are contrary to the Recent Law of Congress, and therefore should not be given, or if given should be revoked

I have the honor to be
General
Your obed't Serv't
W. J. Hardee
Lt Col. & Chief T. C.

To
Brig Gen E. Kirby Smith
Com. Trans. Miss. Dep't
Shreveport

Houston 21st May 1846.

W. S. Hutchins

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Replying to the letter of the 7th
the Secretary of the Treasury
has given directions to offer 3 per
cent Bonds in payment of the
duties by Gold Specie in
the ports

Hd Qrs 1st Co. Batn. Miss
Houston May 21st 64
Lieut Wm Brandon
Chief of Cotton Bureau. Dept
Transmissr &c
Lieut

I have just written a note
for Gen Clanton which I am
going in person by our friend Capt
Ashby to hand him. In it I
have asked him to send
you a pass to come here. You can tell
him I did not
say anything about the "B. ill. &c"
proposal. Say the Genl is not
at home. The Adjt Genl
Genl Grant and I have for some time
to do, to speak to the Governor
of Texas in all these matters. Will
Genl Magruder in Galveston
8th for Mississippi & Tennessee.
Genl Walker to 6th for Little Rock
Ark. I have written to Genl
Price 27th Ark's from the Governor
has promised us all
he can spare. The Arkansas Cotton is not
near sufficient to pay the Debt
& expenses. The Army Food &
Most Truly Yours &c

[illegible] Feb 1st

[illegible] Col- [illegible] have
not been [illegible] on [illegible]
this [illegible] matter - Gen Smith
has suffered [illegible] Dickens
by [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] with a view to
[illegible] & [illegible] - We
cant have any Thing from this
a law - If the Attorney [illegible]
the "B, H." - please ask the
Gen to [illegible] as - [illegible] a
Philistine - Man in my place
will [illegible] him - so will
Sibley & B. & D. if we can
be of any service - our
exemptions & Certificates
must be protected - in pro
this in the Gen. I wish I
could see the Gen. But that
can't be

Yours very truly
W. J. Hardee
Lt Col Chief

Houston 20th May 1864

M. S. Hutchings
Lt Col.
28th

Enclosing Copy of Gen
Lee's Report to the Texas Legis-
lature in regard to
the Cotton Office

Head Qrs Fleet of the
Houston May 20. 62

Sir

I inclose the Memorandum
of a bill for
the transport of Town Office as
requested - please observe
it to Gen Smith - as we
pass the Straits - and most
probably the Havana. They
are furnishes, in the Militi-
-ary, and can take Gen
in Chief in particular - so
they may disembark there
first for the Gen & put them
in the Penitentiary with the
"Cotton Office" -

Very Respectfully
W. F. Smith

Lt Col Broadwell
Chief Qr Mr.

Boston 19th May 64

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U. S. Hutchins

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Dispatch. asking
if Maj Cobb will take
Charge of work

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Shreveport May 17 1864

By Telegraph from Houston Tex May 16. 1864

To Lt Col Broadwell

Col Shall May Cadet Cain

Charge of the mail as escort

Lt Col

11 A 55 D

Houston 28th Apl 1864

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W. J. Hutchins

To

P. Murrah. Gov Tex.

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Enclosing copies of Attorney instructions to Maj Gen. & Special men. No 97. Par XIE. & Genl Slaughter letter

Head quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston April 28th 1864

To his Excellency
F Murrah
Governor of State of Texas
Governor

In my letter to You of April 27th I enclosed a Copy of Special Order No 97 issued by Genl Smith — I now enclose You a Copy of my instructions to Maj J.B. Lee the agent of this office at Eagle Pass based upon this order

I have forwarded to the Head Quarters of Genl Smith Copy of Your letter of 21st April and asked for Specific instructions in reply thereto

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant

(Signed) W. S. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief

True Copy
A. J. Wollen Capt & C

Houston 28th April 1864

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J. E. Slaughter

Brig. Gen

Refering to Special
orders No 97. Dept Hd
Qrs. Par. XIV.

Hd Qrs Dist of Tex New Mex & A
Houston April 28th 1864

Lt Col W. J. Hutchins
Chf of Cotton Bureau

Sir

In reply to Your request in regard to the Construction of Special Order No 97 from Dept Hd Qrs directing the Military Authorities to exempt from Molestation or impressment the Agents drivers Wagons and teams which are Necessarily employed in transporting Cotton belonging to the State of Texas to Mexico
I am decidedly of the opinion that the Cotton must be bona fide State property and that the agent of the State should be required to make oath to that fact — I take this opportunity of Stating that orders have been given to the Military Commanders at Eagle Pass and Laredo to permit no Cotton to pass without the permit of the Cotton office
You will thus perceive the Necessity of Sending at once instructions to Your Agents at these points in regard to State Cotton

I am Col
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
(Signed) J. E. Slaughter
Brig Genl & Chf of Staff

True Copy
J. J. Walker Capt

Houston 2nd May 1864

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W. J. Hutchins.

Lt Col &c

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Enclosing copy of letter addressed to Gov Murrah and referring to the Plans of the Gov of Texas.

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Hdqrs 1st Cotton Office
Houston May 2. 1864

Colonel.

I have rec'd the 2nd appl with enclosures as stated - which I have read & return

If Confederate Officers against whom last is absent this Dist on Cotton - permit can be granted for them

I have thought of this & give an exemption for two bales for one bale Donated to us - give no certificate. Explain all those that hold Certificates on the same footing. This Plan meets with the Governors views & our Tithe & all of the Cotton out of the country. Lent to Govr. alone. would soon do it - and we should Take care of those who have Cotton out - Then We should have no Debt: Please say. how this strikes you -

The Governors Agents are stopping Cotton. others pretending to be. The State Military Board also buying and exempting. Major Hart has also been engaged in this way - I learn that the

Boyce & Mc Cr. have a prospect
expect 4.2011 bales from the Gov. Pl.
I will have rice in a few days
60.000 pounds of Lint. but at all events
only 25 Cotton for use of Land
If it is wanted at shreveport
please say so -

We must have an order must
state what sort cotton that crops
the Rio S. shall be sent to
Mr Perkins - M.T.P.M. 13 - Cotton
Maj A. "Cotton Office, and 4 AC
Agent is a Jew which is subject
ject to the Planter in two complic
cates. We should get into a "Lab
yrinth" that we could not rid
dle out of.

If we adopt our simplan as pro
posed above. We had better do it
without consulting with any one
about it. The factors we made
must in no adopted by us.

I have yr note Letter to
Mr. Ballinger - Ben Slaughter
has been there. Mr. B. will
write him. The Mayor is here
The Good impression for the ad
vance enjoyed.

Yrs
W. J. Hutchison
Lt Col & Chief
Engineer

Lieut Brumbaugh
Chief
Engineer

Copy

Texas Cotton office
Houston April 29, 1865

To
His Excellency A. Murrah
Governor of the State
of Texas

I received late on Saturday evening your communication of this date in regard to an order issued at Eagle Pass as to which you wish my attention & action. This order you failed to enclose. I have anxiously awaited its coming that you would discover & supply the omission. But have not received it. I learn this morning through Mr Ballinger that the order was issued by Maj Lee, the agent at Eagle Pass. But I am entirely ignorant of its terms & therefore cannot reply in regard to it. Please enclose me the order and the matter shall have my prompt attention.

Maj Lee's instructions have been not to interfere with any State action in passing the Rio Grande. But to require all cotton to have the exemption of the Cotton office, & has this been made evident to his duty to verify the State Cotton. This was indispensable knowing as I do the devices used to get cotton out of the Country. & it was not sufficient to have entitled Cotton duplicate, merely that the holder should claim it to be State Cotton. This would open a door to fraud which I am sure you do not intend to be done; I do not know the tenancy of your Excellency that no Cotton should pass out of the State, except under yourself & the Cotton officer. I have supposed you would have some duly accredited agent at Eagle Pass cognizant of the Cotton of the State or that State Cotton would have evidence

of this character under authority of Genl Nichols of your published State agent and the agent from whom you obtained Military protection,

Your letter seems to imply that I have some official or authentic information of your plan and of the Cotton it embraced, I regret to say I have not, In the personal interview which the means of this office had the honor to hold with you, at Vicksburg, you said you were not prepared to state your plan, and since then your Communication of the 21st inst is the first and only one received from you, or any agent of yours, having any reference to your plans, Aside second hand reports in regard to it have been numerous and have varied extremely, and furnished no safe guide as to those who had authority to act under it or as to what was State Cotton. To exemplify this I give an extract from a recent letter from a Gentleman of high standing) not one of my associates, he says, "I have been offered the "privilege of carrying it (Cotton) out under State protection "by a pretence that it belongs to the State, with a side obli- "-gation to account under certain Conditions, which I consider "fraudulent"

In your letter to Genl Smith, dated as far back as the 20th of March, you speak of a departure having been made from your plan, Reports and Rumor assert, though with what precise foundation, I do not know, that your Excellency has been spoken in your disapproval of much that has been done under your plan. I respectfully suggest that your Excellency take steps by which public announcements or otherwise to designate State Cotton &c, as at the same time to exclude departures from your plan, not recognized by you, fraudulent

promote said arrangement &c, any improper action by my agent at Eagle Pass has arisen. Not from any hard desire to interfere with "benefits" State Cotton. but only to guard against imposition, The order you request me to issue, that no Confederate officer or agent interfere with Cotton Controlled by the State would transcend my authority, it is however my duty to see that the Cotton office and all its agents do not (interfere) infringe on any order of Genl Smith or other Superior authority. which I will do. and will very much regret its violation.

Since I received yours Communication I have received an order from Genl Smith of which I hand you Copy. (Par IV Spec ord. No 97) I herewith and shall forthwith forward him a Copy of your letter, I most Sincerely desire to have no responsibility for, and to avoid all Conflict or difference as to any matter growing out of my own plan. and shall be glad to see the exportation of Cotton by the State determined alone by the Civil authorities

You state in your letter, "when it was reported to me that Purchase of Cotton by the State would embarrass the Cotton Bureau in procuring Supplies for the army I promptly arrested the purchase" again you state, "I have distinctly announced that the operations of the State in Cotton, shall be limited and guarded so as not to embarrass the Cotton Bureau in procuring supplies for the army". Lest I should be misunderstood as agreeing with the above. and in a manner responsible therefor, for the failure in great part in realizing the purposes for which the Cotton office was established, I deem it my duty to say, that of my own knowledge. that upon Commencing my duties I plan with the distinct assurance to you that the Cotton office should not Compete with you and that its operations would prevent

Acquirement of Cotton by the office to satisfy the Military Necessities of event this State, on the 12th March you write to Gov Smith "that operations of the State shall be so regulated as not to interfere with the Cotton Bureau".

Gov Vance's order to his agents to cease buying Cotton bearing date the 1st that was first published in this City on the 11th of April. If my Memory is correct when you were with him your Chief agent only estimated six weeks to be necessary to make all the purchases and agreements for the full complement of Cotton you desired to acquire. more than that time was employed with quite as much activity & pressure as was ever contemplated

The result of your plan was that your agent obtained, or the Cotton office has been prevented from obtaining more than "four fifths" of the Cotton promised to its agents. Planters have been rendered unwilling to sell to the Cotton office, even that which has not been Contracted to your agents

The means adopted by you to give effects to the announcement of which you speak, I do not know, but the fact is, the Cotton office has been and is now disabled from acquiring Cotton in amounts varied adequate to the Military Necessities of the State, which but for your plan it would have accomplished.

I trust your plan may more than Compensate for the short Coming of the Cotton office. Only am I aware that your plan from the beginning Quesbarre had no other effect than so far as the Cotton office is Concerned than to prevent it from fulfilling the objects for which it was Called into Existence by Governor Smith & Magruder

I am pleased to learn that you design transporting to Houston, the Cotton necessary to meet the purchases about to be made at that point. This will relieve the Cotton office from one of its most important responsibilities which you will remember you were urged to assume at the inception of your movements. I trust you will place an agent there authorized at once to make purchases, giving assurance of this Cotton as arms are respectfully awaiting,

I have the Honor to be
Very Respy. Your obdt Servant
Signd W. J. Hutchins
Lieut Colonel & Chief

Lieut Col
A. Walker A.A.G.

Houston 17th Apl 1864

W. J. Hutchins

Lt. Colo & Chief

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Referring to the assignment
of Lt L. N. Lane to report
the settlement of the Claim
of Burdin Riggs & Walker
the views of the Texas offices
in relation to the Claim
Suggestions in regard to
the Cotton &c

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston April 17: 1864.

Lt. Col. W. A Brownsville
Shreveport.

Col.

Wm Perkins telegraphs me yesterday from Rusk

" Telegraph and write Brownsville to get Lt Lane assigned to duty under you " signed Wm Perkins
Sup'd as ' was sent '.

accordingly I have this day telegraphed you to have him (Lt. L. W Lane) ordered to duty under me. I presume Mr Perkins wants him with him on the Rio Grande inasmuch he has said so; and I regard it as a very wise precaution in him to have a reliable man in company, especially in case of accident to him, in view of the very responsible duties he will be expected to perform - In this connection I would remark that it is expected that this office can make (this the maximum of such an agency) very great additional saving in the payment of debts and the purchase of goods by paying there in coin from the sales of cotton - The offers we are now making to Bonnell Riggs & Walker look to this - that instead of paying them cotton here at six cents p^r lb we can pay them 1100 ^{lbs}. on the basis of their debts in coin and save at least 9 ^{lbs}. p^r on the cotton making in the payment of them claim of $135.000. a very large saving - This is mentioned to show you what sort of "passes" we are making at them for a settlement but regret to say that they have as yet evinced no disposition to accept settlement on other terms than 6^c for said Cotton - a payment they will never get from this office - and no attempt will be made to pay on such

a basis - Neither can this office consent to an arbitration without positive views to do so (which it is hoped will not be given) on Genl Smiths letter indicates as an alternative; which B R & W now insist on: for the very obvious reason that the usefulness of this office (if it is useful as I think) is not to be jeopardized by a reference to parties outside, who care nothing for any thing but to serve their own interests, and that of their friends - I have too much experience of the fate of Government and Corporations in contests of this kind to expect that its interests would be subserved by any such course.

I have a letter from Dr Parham Esq from Hunts ville under date 12 inst who will expect to hear this you on his arrival at Shreveport my answer in reference to some points in his letter especially in reference to Tithe cotton in the Counties he has been travelling in His impression is that this office can control it - this is not the case at present but it is believed to be to the interest of Govt at this time of need, that it should and to this end, I suggest that you arrange at once with Botts, the appointed agent of Tax in Kind for the T. in Dept. and Judge Gray Agt of Treas Dept (who will have arrived in S. by the time you get this) and Dr Genl Smith some plan whereby this office may receive and appropriate to the immediate pressing necessities of Govt any Tithe cotton that can be obtained by our agents - not only will this be important now for the realization of the value, but it is believed That much aid can be given by our agents in making collections which if delayed may never be made at all = These considerations are merely sug = gested

Very Respy &c W. J. Hutchins
Asst Com and Chief

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Houston 25th April 1864

W. H. Hutchins

Esq

Sir

I enclosing letter from Hon. Henry Hyman, for a C.S. Deputation to purchase for the agency refusing to find by the Secretary of Treasury.

Houston Sept 25th 1864

Col -

I hand you herein Copy of Gov. Murrahs letter - In the 1st. He says - "I inclose Copy of an order issued by Eagle Pass to the - This order was not executed - so I am in the dark about it - In another place He says "We agreed to his plans &c - now we all tried to learn his plans & never from him got one word or syllable about them and only learned them from rumor - - We all are anxious to know if He went into the market to buy Cotton or sell State Bonds - We must be well satisfied - Use what He says about that - Will truly this is a dreary prospect - to have such a Governor.

Yours &c
W. J. Hutchins

Col A. Mumford C.S.A.

Shreveport

"It is said that the Gov. is very low with Consumption. If this for true at this He should die - We would then have a good Governor - Stockdale

[illegible]

I have yrs of 2nd (Capt W. C. Blue
agency). The Rope was sent after
Dave. Oday. He was here as
directed. Mr Summerville - the
Young man that attended to it
is absent. He accidentally
found it in an [illegible] office.
There is no name to same here.
Maj Mekee is here - and
I hardly think we will get Co.
Lynch or Calcasieu to land
Gov. Allen Ufaul.. Mr Clapp
is now here.
I enclose Copy of Contract &
settlement with B. R. & N. W.
also Copy of Gov. Abrahs
letter to this office. 21st inst.
+ a Copy of a letter from
C. C. Hearn. agt for Roberts
& Bray's Camp.
You will send special order
67 - XII - [illegible] on - if it is
intended to allow the Gov. to export
State Cotton, & Tri. Ty - or Cotton

Executive Department
Austin Texas 1864 April 21st

Lt Col Hutchins
Chf Cotton Bureau
Houston Texas

Sir

I enclose you copy of an order issued at Eagle Pass which explains itself and which I am informed is being used for the purpose of embarrassing the exportation of Cotton by the State and which has been purchased under the plan of which you have been informed

The Cotton office at Houston is announced by orders from Genl Smith as the only agent in the State of Texas to Control Cotton for the Confederacy

How is it then that such an order as this is issued without their knowledge - I had been informed that the Cotton office expressly disclaimed any intention for the possession of any power to interfere with the Cotton embraced under the plan and authority of the State - Have I been misinformed &

I have in my possession a written order of Genl Smith to the effect that the Cotton of the State shall not be interfered with this order was placed in my possession some time since when it was represented to me that purchase of Cotton by the State would embarrass the Cotton Bureau in procuring Supplies for the army I promptly arrested the purchase

But at the Same time insisted that the Contract and agreement of the State with the Citizen Should be respected

I have now proposals for the introduction of arms and I am Striving to hasten the Cotton forward to liy and Make these proposals available to the State and the Confederacy

It is My duty to the State to the Citizen and to the public interest to ask of You respectfully whether or not the State is to be embarrassed and an effort made to prevent her from exporting the Cotton purchased under the plans for the purpose of realizing the objects proposed by her laws become

I ask this of You and the Cotton Bureau of the pronunciamento and the position assigned You in reference to the Contract of Cotton by Gen Smith

I have Made every Concession on this and every other Question that I thought to the Confederate Authorities in which the interest of the Country demanded But Concession which would injure both the State and Confederacy I cannot make

I Consider it due to the State that it Should be distinctly announced from Your office that no Confederate officer or agent Shall interfere with Cotton Controlled by the State under the plan already refused to

Let me ask that such instructions Shall be at once forwarded to the Rio Grande

I have already arranged for transporting to Houston the Cotton that may be necessary to meet the purchase of arms at that place

Your announcement should also embrace Cotton authorized to be exported by the Military board and the authorities of the State, invested in the purchase and introduction of machinery

The accomplishment of these objects is imposed upon the Executive by the laws of Texas and he has adopted the only plan which in his opinion will secure the rapid accomplishment of them at the same time he has distinctly announced that the operations of the State in Cotton shall be limited and guarded as not to embarrass the Cotton bureau in procuring supplies for the army

I cannot believe from the expressions of the Bureau to me and from what I have heard indirectly that the Cotton Bureau dissents from these views or intends to embarrass the State. But such orders as the one forwarded to You are not only Calculated to produce embarrassment but are actually doing so

Please let me hear from You if Practicable by return Mail

I have the honor to be
Your Obdt Servt
Sgnd P. Murrah

Houston 17th May 1864

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col.
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Enclosing letter addressed to the Hon of Texas with respect to his operations in Matamoras

Hdqrs Gen'l Depot Office
Houston May 17 '64

Lieut. A. Brownrie
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Colonel

I enclose a copy of a letter to Lieut Wm Wright - Please show me how to go to Gen'l Smith - When I have time to read it - The other referred to. was issued by this office - instructing the Agents to pass Cotton sent by the Military Board over the R.R. - when properly shown to belong to the Military Board. The M.B. are buying largely and extensively the same quantity as bought by Reporter - James Holman formerly of New Orleans of the Pacific R.R. - is the "Military Board" and great deal will be done now by That Board - May Heaven inspire giving Gentlemen the land of a Town or City at the mouth of the Sabine. near Sabine Pass (1857) - and upon which probably 1000,000 $ - worth - and other operations That I know of shows great enterprize - The

He appears to have pneumonia bubbles all
his left lung — The only thing not
as that I have known of in the
connection with the Pacific
R.R. that is in the appearance
of having something substantial
- the Governor & Directors may the
answer in that matter —
under the direction of the Mexi
the N.P.R. will perform some
great deeds.
for mankind

Yours truly
H.P. Huntington

Houston 30th May 1864.

M. J. Hutchings
Lt Col
24th

Refering to Genl Hebert's
special privileges

Hd Qrs Dt. Cotton Office
Houston May 14. 64

H. C Black
Capt & A.A.G.
Cotton Office
Shreveport

Capt.

I have yrs of the 9th. and am obliged by you. I am glad to have a record of Counsel & encouragement to aid in holding Cotton from such persons as Callaway who for some purpose & end they are expected to do. are continually demanding special privileges not given by Govt. never asking or expecting.

Cotton I grant no permit for removal to be the ostensible object recd by Macauley for permits are daily solicited for special permits for some purpose - We have two parties now that want to import men from California - that want Cotton to help them - I may have to refer them to your office - as the higher authority

I am very respy
W. J Hubbard
Lt Col & C.

Houston 19th May 64

W. J. Hutchins

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Refering to the action
of Congress in reference
to the Articles sent
to planters for one
half of their Cotton.

Adjt Gen Texas Office
Houston May 19 64

Lt Col R Brandon
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport.

Sir

I have the honor to report that Capt Bryan will be able to travel on Law passed by the Congress. Legality of this does not appear to me a simple matter - as my action but may be the "Cotton Office" be a very important one. The appointment of an agent to collect in Mexico - the duties - to settle upon the amount of Cotton - to settle upon the different kinds of Cotton - cannot be done without some definite rule - the rule to be governed by - the Law should - the Legislature has a right to fix the price of it - imposing heavy taxes in any way in the persons & property of citizens - without the interposition of Congress - I do not think that I am responsible for the Cotton taken - or could act

[illegible]

I have given the best attention possible to Dr Ham and Smith - He has no right to complain - and I am sure will not - I will have done for him more than for any one. He - & Capt Thomas

I will send the Letter to Maj Mackie - It is kept close -

I hear that part of My Cotton at Orlando is damaged - I hope it is not so - We want it to be used to have any part of it burned.

I want your advice about the Sabine Cotton -

We must have the 2 ville Cotton - I owe 3 or 400.000$ - including the R. R. Bill. and the Cotton is coming in very slow -

Yours Truly
W. J. Hutchins
Per Culpe.

Baraton 2nd April 1864

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W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col. & Chief.

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In regard to the operations of Governor Murrah in Atten
A new feature developed
Enclosing copy of form of
contracts for effecting Atten.
his views &c.

Filed

Hd Qrs 1st Co. Cav Officers
Houston Apl 2 '64

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau Dept
Shreveport La

Col.

I inclose copy of a contract sent me from the Rio Grande - showing still a new plan - the Governor of Texas - Cotton - Gen Bankes - (State Rights) Contract referred from Austin (He has been up 2 or 3 times to arrange the Matter in this about the State Troops.) - He says the Governor will have in 20 days 5000 lbs - Men detailed to haul Cotton. Any man that proved unfaithful to his trust

sent home -

B. O. A. I merely this under Magn Banks - had engaged in the Matter - He wants the Govr - to send him as Ch. of Magn Bus - He wishes to be where most of his Men have been. He sees his way through a great deal of dissatisfaction

with the regular troops — as most of those Captains have use of commands &c — which the Sec. insists on having for some months to come — the disagreement between the Sec — Col — I have now both upon enough about the Sovereign and this "Allen" — and in fact am still too much to say just as little about them as I can —

I remain —
Very truly
yr obt Svt
W J Hutchins

Office A. & T. R.R. Co.
Houston Apl 2. 64

Colonel.

Mr. H. A. Allen writes to me that Mr. Brown is sick & Mr. Allen is not much acquainted with the roads & is engaged in obliging me by collecting and engaging some assistance to aid them - one thousand. and likely to know good Title.

I am Colonel
W. J. Hutchins
Pres

Col Brownsville
Brownsville
Texas

(Duplicate)

The State of Texas }
County of Fayette }

Know all men by these presents, that I Marcus Gill of said County, have this day sold to the State of Texas, through its authorized agent M T Johnson _____ of Dewitt County Twelve Bales, Sixty-one hundred pounds of Cotton, marked weighed and prized as follows Viz:

				the market value
Twelve	Bales	bearing	the Good middling Cotton	at ~~11~~ Cts per lb
	Bales		the Middling Cotton	" "
	Bales		the Low Middling Cotton	" "
	Bales		the Good ordinary Cotton	" "

Which Cotton I hereby agree to deliver at Eagle Pass in good merchantable order for Transportation and for which I am to be paid at the above mentioned prices, in the Bonds of the State of Texas, drawing six per cent interest, payable in specie semi-annually - In the event said Bonds are not ready for delivery at the time the Cotton is needed for transportation, then I am to receive the Certificate of the Agent to be cancelled by payment of the same by Bonds to be hereafter delivered -

Given under my hand and seal, ~~seeing~~ using Scroll for seal at Lyons the County of Fayette State of Texas this the 9th day of March A D 1864.

the Market value Entered and before signing Marcus Gill
by L W Alexander agent

The said Marion Hill is here By protected from Impressment Millittary interferance in going to and Returning from Reground with his teams

M T Jensen D agt

for Dohany Sims sub agent for Dagget

a Lessenth Capyd

W A Campbell

for T B Wilson Agent

T Coffee

Tulia Feb 6 1890

Feb " It Inserting Letter

Feb " It Same Inserting Letter

Feb " It Not receiving Letter

Filed Office of Indy agency Feb 6 1890 at 3 pm

Approved with the Transportation and for actual

use in going at all other unauthorized pleas in the Interest

of the Office of Trans Marion Hill his Cook and Driving Team

as above Mentioned - by the most Direct Route to and

during the duty at the from the Letter & Return to Trans-

portation, Then & now in Charge the Conductor of the Agency

is Continually in pursuit of the Same by Direct & Most

Practicable Route -

Above Teams not found and Cook ——— during Said

time and at Camp at Quitaque Creek Office of Issue the

Cook Procured Meals for Teams

Hill

Marion Hill

Cook

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Boston 8th May 1864

W. J. Hutchins Q.M.

St Louis

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In regard to hauling Coal from Sabine Pass to Boston and also asking the purchase of Coal for certain Conditions

Hd Qrs Texas Col. Offic
Houston May 5. 64

Colonel

Mr Price - (Sawyer & Price)
is here and will engage to haul
the 2000 B/c from Sabine Town
& Burnside Army - please say wn
the wire if you have made
any arrangements or has Capt
Avery done it. The Gentlemen
you sent to look after this Col.
yesterday - to buy 1/2 of Planters
Cottons - paying for it in C.S. money
at 25 ct - or Certificates. He thinks
it out of the country. and the
Planters 1/2 also if they wish
to. We pay him. by allow-
ing him to take 20 Bales of
his own Cotton out for each
1111 Bales Taken out as above.
- ans to be sent to Mrs Perkins

We do this to meet Burnside
debt. Milmos & other debts
on the R. Grande. This
arrangement will bring the
Cotton to us in opposition to the
Gov[ernmen]t "Plan"

Lt Col. Broadwell. Yr mo. resp
Chief of Col. Bureau W. J. Hunt Chief
Brevet &
Lt Colo C.

Washington 28th April 1864

Hd. Qrs Ten Bot office
Houston April 28 64

Lt Col H. G. Brownell
Chf of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Col.

H. Sutton goes to Shreveport this
Evening. I desire That. Gen
Smith Order That no wagons
Except in Qr. Shall leave Col
Gaither post Train Rio Grande
River. That is all Left of the
Army. All must be made Dem
at Laredo & San Antonio. The
object is to use Mexican Teams
If the Government Teams are
Sent out of the Army. I am
not so anxious about it. If
the Govmt is allowed to have
this way. It will take
the whole Army to haul
Cotton —

Gen — Magruder leaves
this Morning for Shreveport
& Gen Hébert takes Command
and I have never seen such
Too much dissatisfaction — The
idea is Galveston will fall in
Two weeks or less. — and Then the

Houston 28th April 64

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W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col. 9th

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Dispatch returning to Report sent for acceptance of Major ad Inter.

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ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Shreveport April 2d 1864

By Telegraph from Houston " 2d 1864

To Capt W. A. Black

Bolton Depot

Her rope was Sent on the Train

and

Fifty

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W. L. Hutchins

Sec'y

Houston 28th Apl 64

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W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col

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Dispatch returning Report sent for acceptance Muster out.

Houston. Texas
April 26th 1864
Colo W. G. Hotchkiss

Contains Invoice & receipts
of Quartermaster Stores
Money & Property

Hd Qrs Texas Cotton Office
Houston April 25, 1865

Capt W. A. Black A.Q.M.
Cotton Bureau - Shreveport La

Sir,

I enclose Invoices & Receipts 6/8 Bls Sugar Rope shipped to Mayne & Smoker Marshall, Texas as per your request 2nd Inst — Also Express Receipts for same.

Please have the Receipts signed and return them to me,

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
H. D. Hutchins
Lt Col & C.S.
Gnl

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Houston 28th March 1864

W J Hutchins
Lt C.S.A.

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Despatch refering to despatch of Brig Genl Slaughter in reference to arms.

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Mch 28

By Telegraph from Houston 27

To Lt-Col Brooks

Send Mr Hutchins Telegram to Burnet
Burgess Co Texas at once and
have it sent to Mr W J Hutchins
Addr

14 Jan 1842

Houston 27th Apl 1864

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col
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In regard to the offair
of the Engrs cutting off the
retreating Federal Cavalry
& the capture of Gen Lee
way of the Rio Grande

Houston April 27 64.

Colonel

I have just my foot down and decided that special order No 49 from XIV Army Corps means that Cotton belongs to the State without reference to Treasury Dept. I will go East of the Country to-morrow there is Dan't. requisitions of Officers left from Gov Nicholls - This Gov[ernor] is a Democrat Letter to Mrs Ballinger to-day - We are waiting for the action of the Military Gov, and then "HE" will act - We prepare for a fuss to retain Cotton This is must be Done People who still claim to the State must be silent so far as Treasury Dept is concerned those who are disposed to act contrary the Government must be treated as Rebels and punished by every act known to Law

I have taken steps and I depend

[illegible] to Montana and Maj
Lee has already commenced
to stop Mr Coan's Cotton -
I have written Maj
Starks to seize Cotton &c. in
steamboats & Mr Coan's &
expect I have stopped
S. Ca. and Ga. & Mr Coan and
all - I wish you would
[illegible] I
will write Capt Fraser & ask him
to give Lt Read $ 30.
to go to Fort Bale from Va to give
them arms - Lt Shumate for
Carolina & Lt Wright Florida -
When this Rebellion is over
Capt Lee with other Marine
is important. He cannot

Will give proper attention to the
points of application. And when
the writ may come out I will
do what might be done
in my power. I have
also spoken to Mr. Ward
claiming his settlement on the
basis of the B.R. Opn. His claim
was more than the Company
would admit to at first but within
as They have.

Nearly private. It
is whispered that P. Capps will
B.R. Opn bill cost 25£ Chs
3.30 — Owen Cost 1£ — Chs
1.25 — I will try & learn.
The Caps were sent from Talbot
He is here now. And The Owen
man is here after His hay.
the bill — They have not
much capital in the bill

Yrs
Wm H.

Col W. A Brownville
Shoudepnt

Houston 11th April 1864

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W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col &c

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In regard to the purchase of iron axels - I refer you to Mr Clapp - Further in regard to the action of Gen Hindman in the purchase of Cotton -

[illegible] recommended to [illegible] from the Gen.
The letter written by the Gen. to
Mr Ingraham — I [illegible] to
write to Mr Ingraham for a [illegible]
such as to [illegible] —
Mr Ingraham has [illegible] after
the cotton [illegible] —
Mr Ingraham [illegible] the Cotton
Office — and as soon as it
was ascertained that Mr Ingraham was
acting [illegible] —
On the 21st Inst the Depy
Marshal — This [illegible]
Mr Ingraham [illegible] —
I suppose
they had got a little cotton
to buy — We all told the Gen.
when he was here — That he
would destroy the Cotton of-
fice — Now the end of
the State — Bryan's [illegible] that he
[illegible] to export all
the Cotton [illegible] & Mrs have but
One fact is that not but
one bale — It all [illegible]

Head Qrs 1st Col. Cav. Office
Houston Apl 11. 64

Lt Col Wm A Brandle
Cmdg Col. Cav. Bureau
Shreveport

Col

Lt. Clapp - Asst Adjt Genl
for a Genl - his name - Lieut
Genl. Asst - Lt. Chas to c -
which he proposes to fill
B/c - Now the Cols. in
where the Offrs. of that is
said to belong to Army
in a Sick - can I not it
in preparing for this I am
Col.

I am very. Resp
Yr Obt Servt
E. Carter C.

Mr Baldwin. the 5 others of the
party are here - praising the
election - I pd them 500 B/c as
when I declined to give them
a permit to export the 500 B/c
was to, but last of the party
they drove & stormed - but

Houston 14th April 1864

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief Q

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Enclosing special order
No 8 Dist of Texas.

Headquarters 2nd Cav Div Office
Houston April 14/65

Lt. C. L. M. S. Broadwell
Aft Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

I enclose herewith Copy of General Order No 58. in accordance with your request under date of 11th inst, which is acknowledged.

Respectfully
Your obt Servant
W. J. Hutchins
Lieut Col & Inspr Gen

Houston 9th April 1864

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W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col. & Chief C.O.

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In regard to the affairs of Texas office.

W. R. Broadnax

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Hon Wm. L. Cotton Office
Houston Aug 6 [illegible]

Lt Col W. A. Brodnax
Chief Cotton Bureau Q. M.
Shreveport La

Col.

I write to learn of congress
what provision they have made to govern
the affairs of this office. They passed
no provision for the redemption of
our certificates. This omission though
a serious obstacle. We could overlook
or something could be done to remedy it
but the law provides that the states
are not included in the provision
made for expenditures &c &c. Gen.
Magruder has been authorized (equal
to Gen Forney) to regulate the
Cotton operations. This last is a
fatal blow. If it defines on the
Government territory but [illegible] over
shadow it entirely. I [illegible] Jones
is [illegible] much engaged with his
other great duties. [illegible] talk
with Hon on these matters. If
the Telegraph, by the law [illegible]
this morning Smith and
you a Capn. without command
you can act. The only difficulty

I should invite Gen Slaughter & Judge Gray to meet me to day and decide on some course that may [illegible]

may start him never report to me - the reason nothing of his movements - only the rumor - That the Shipping all the Cotton to Matamoras - Matamoras - It appears [illegible] desire I wish to spy out Cotton for any purpose - I have asked him to take care of Foreigners on the Rio Grande -

Col - it does appear that the purchase of Guns Powder & Caps is about a Utter Ruin & attempt for the Government Col Bankhead is here. I will do for him as well as I can - the Colonel requires to buy the Gun Boats - That it is to export East of the Brazos - [illegible] was [illegible] at once on this point The "Alice" has finally got safely out of the Brazos - or without a Bale of Cotton - and ready in to Galveston - Several Schooners have been captured lately - two that we know of had 18 lbs Guns.

The Telegraph is not [illegible]

Yours &c
W J Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief

Houston Apl 9 64

Colonel I have not said as much to you about bringing it, lately - I do not intend to at present - but when I cannot be useful - you must relieve - (Pause) my - am wholly willing to do. (Suffer) any thing as long as I can be in any way aid in supplying our soldiers wants - & in doing this I am reg leaving a great work - the Central R.R. - now one of the most important R. Roads - part of the machinery We have managed so far to keep the Road & Machinery in good order but it requires constant attention - I have not been over the Road since the "office" was established - My services to the Government would have been of more value in taking care of this R.R. - than in the Cotton office - as so many could have been found to manage the "office" - better than I have or can -

As soon as Mr. examines the papers sent - please say to him it is right in every particular and write have an additional mail

to it. brings me it to so much -

Yr obt Svt
W J Hutchins

Col Brundidge
Shreveport

I wish Gen Smith would dismiss you over here - to manage the Cotton and Tax - you could be of but little use now in that way at Shreveport as the Yankees must have all the Cotton that is not destroyed - and I shall object to your being any other duty -

Houston 7th April 1864

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W. J. Hutchins
Lt. Col. & A. Chief
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Lt. Col. Hutchins
Chief of Arty & Ordnance
Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston Texas

Hdqrs 4th Brig 6th Div A
Near Petersburg Va
July 7 64

Colonel

I have no letters
from the 2d. Mass
Mtd Inf. 22 Mass have left
Portsmouth for Baltimore with
ordnance stores. 20,000 lbs
of powder will start at once
without waiting - and I hope
soon an additional 15,000 lbs
can be spared -

Capt Perry is here - I
have advised him to go at
once to Bermuda Hundred and have
the Boston headed to Beaumont
about 90 miles - Can you
give him the 2d. Mass. when
write about -

I am sorry you & mine
storm myself to note about it
here - You seem appear
inclined to have me censured - that
it was only a mere - of all
the Brigs first have arrived in
time - The 42nd. Mass. as
stood when you were here from
Portsmouth - I have assumed
it has for them -

Yr obt Svt
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Colo

Col Broadhead
Chief Col Bvt
Portsmouth

may Bury and I to Austin - may
a Gr man Sturtevant - The may
was anxious to have me go - but
I thought it would be kind the Gov-
-t talk when he was there. and I
thought no use of riding 4 or 5 miles
with a stage to be made a fool of-

Houston 7th April 1864

Lt. J. Hutchins
Lt Col &c.

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Enclosing Copy of letter of
12th March last in reference to
information required for the
settlement of the Claims of
Baledin Riggs & Walker.

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Head Quarters Dist Patton Office
Houston April 4 / 62

Lieut Col H A Broadwell
Ass Patton Bureau
Adjt

I enclose herewith Copy of my letter of 12th March in reference to the Accounts of Bouldin Riggs & Walker.
Your reply, with facts called for are indispensable in arranging this Settlement.

Major Cabell expected to this office to day.

Respectfully
W J Hutchins
Lieut Colonel

Copy

Headqrs D.C.C.
Houston March 12/64

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport

Yrs Papers relative to the Bendels Rigg & Walker Contract, enclosed to me under date 7th inst. have my attention & appears to me however that it will be impossible to arrive at any Conclusion with respect to the Amount of Cotton due to them until I am placed in possession of the following items Officially

1st The quantity of Stores delivered by them. When delivered and Where, and Invoice Cost of the Same abroad

2nd Whether any payments have been made to them in Cotton When and Where and its Classification

(The Contract calls for Cotton But Genl Smiths letter of Octr 14/63 to Genl Magruder requires a delivery of 2,262,027 lbs Middling fair Cotton)

With this data I can & trust arrive at a Satisfactory Conclusion of the Matter.

I Remain
Very Resp
Your obdt Servant
W. J. Hutchins
Lieut Col & Chief

Official
A. J. Walker
Capt & C

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April 2nd 1864

W. S. Hancock Lt Col

Asst Adjt Gen

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Giving information of Parkers
Depot & requesting the Spirits
that Cotton can be accumulated
for Baldwin & Newell

Seite

Headquarters Texas Cattle Raisers
Manston April 27 1886

Lieut Col W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport
Lou

I am in receipt of your favor of the 24th inst. forwarding exemption for 18 R/C to be inviated in Caplew by Maj Pearce. I have issued & forwarded to Maj Price the necessary exemptions therefor.

I return herewith letter enclosed for Maj Sneed (forwarded here through mistake) and for Maj D. G. Perdue who had left before its arrival & not knowing when it may overtake him — if ahead — I return to you. He left here yesterday. after having made a report of prospects for accumulating the 2250 R/C on the Boulding & Newell Contract which was forwarded to you this morning. I note your remarks in relation to this Contract, which will have my attention when Mr Boulding reaches here.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. J. Hutchins
Local Clerk

Steamship Ella 1/1/64

Wm. P. Hall

Pulaski

In relation to Sam K
Allen – In answer
1st June 1864

May Plaungan May 23rd 1864

Capt W. C. Black

Shreveport

Dear Sir

On last Saturday Col E S Hull and myself. went down on the Cabin River where they sunk a flat Boat and found Forty Eight Bales of Cotton and about Ten or Twelve Bales as nigh as we could judge scattered all round in the woods the cotton is about Three miles from the main road and they will have to cut a road to get to haul it to a House and it will be Seven or Eight miles from the cotton to a ferry that they can pass the cotton I had a hard matter to make a contract with any one at this time of year but I succeeded in making one with Col E.S. Hull in behalf of the Confederate States to remove such ground cotton now lying in a damage condition and exposed to the weather said cotton to be removed and dryed and picked and assorted and stored in a good and safe House and as soon as the Confederate States can furnish Rope and bagging said Hull to retail all good merchantable cotton and said bales to be in the best Shipping order for the performing said duty he is to receive one third of such cotton as he may save he paying the government for his third of Bale Rope and Bagging at what it may cost the government the government furnishing Rope & Bagging for the whole I am

the agreement between us will prove satisfactory to the Cotton Bureau as I am satisfied he can not make salt at the same he agrees to retail said cotton as soon as the government can furnish the material you can write out a contract in duplicate and sign the same and send it to me at Pulaski and I will take it down and have Col Hale to sign the same & I have directed May Flanagan to send to you Two shirt of clothing and Boots to your Care which I am in hopes you will please have sent to the Ground on their arrival I will leave for Pulaski tomorrow let my hear from you in reference to the contract I made with the Col Hall when you write to your family please remember me to them Have you heard from my Dear little Wife is there any possible chance for me to get a transfer Agentry or has Capt Smoot filled up my details in looking over the papers I see an order compelling me to report and go through a re examination before the Medical Board I would like to have my papers all right please attend to the same for me and my best wishes to Col B and all the Balance yrs Truly

Yours Respectfully

John F Hall

P.S.

Mr E R Davis will send you
80$ for the payment for the same if required

Hall

Houston 13th June 1864

M. J. Kinkeheus

Lt Col

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His views in regard to the impressment of Cotton in Texas its legality &c &c

Announces the arrival of the Carolena

leig in Amidst account - They are to be paid for. and we have had so much rain That hauling will leave very Difficult roads for a few weeks - and the Cardinia wants the Cargo at once.

I am &c
Superintendent
H.P. Mechanics
La Trobe

Houston 8th June 1864

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W. J. Hutchins.

Lt Col—

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Enclosing extract of a letter from Eagle Pass Instructions to the W.S.H. Putting to procure large supply of B & R with Cotton &c &c

Dear Colton Office
Newport June 8 64
Lieut Col Brownsville
Chief of Ordnance Quartermaster
Gal.

I have more than enough
stamps upon hand now which
the Govt to furnish the Stamped
Boots & Caps which
Boots & Caps of that description
is made - a Duplicate
to Lieut Colonel Osborne and
expect from the Colorado -
Collectors have an exemption
from paper in the Colorado the
Cotton in the Osborne - our
exemption papers are now
worth very much as much
as Cotton here in Houston.
if not as much - There will
be no difficulty in passing
the Cotton -

I have directed Mr Perkins
to go up and take measures and
purchase B. & R and if necessary
insert it - We shall be
compelled if we can get it

Extract from letter of 5th ult. from Eagle Pass.

"We may see doubtless expect a change at Piedras Negras
" before long, for the French are now making rapid
" movement towards Monterey. They have completely destroyed
" Juarez only army, near San Louis, except about 5 or 6 men
" who arrived in Monterey with their General, to tell the tale.
" Since that the road is perfectly open, and nothing
" can hinder them (The French) from travelling.
" This is official. In Monterey they are in a panic
" and Juarez has ordered all the Custom House moneys
" to be stopped at Piedras Negras.
" There was a fear on friday last, that a forced duty additional
" would be imposed on Cotton, Consequently all Merchants
" paid all duties on the Cotton on hand in Piedras Negras
" Maximillian has arrived in Vera Cruz, and a
" French Corps has left for Matamoras, whether this
" last news is true or not, I don't know, but one
" thing is certain, Juarez power will soon be played
" out on this frontier"

Houston 8th June 1846

W. J. Hutchins

Esq

Sir

Referring to the petition of the Texas Legislature. Requesting an appropriation to defray the expenses of the Texas Rangers to the Frontier & to Austin to protect the Emigrants &c. &c.

Hutchins

Houston June 8th 1864

Colonel.

I have received the letter of the Lt. and am greatly relieved Lieutenant to find my dear Gal has escaped [illegible] quietly and I wish to act in apparent accordance with the law of the state. There is very great mischief at the act of the Legislature. The Cotton office has grown [illegible] and [illegible] has [illegible] not foreseen. All the [illegible] from the Yankee. will appoint a "spy" for almost every [illegible] to [illegible] every thing we do and report to the Yankees or rather to spy on us. This is the law of the Legislature Directs it. The Attorney General is also required to bring suit. He is prohibited if he fails to do so for any violation of the law. Gen Slaughter will [illegible] take the task of prosecuting both. I think it is a proper step. If you think so, prepare a bill

Houston 8th June 1846

W. J. Hutchins

Esq

Sir

Respecting the session of the Texas Legislature. Respecting in suspension Settlement of with regard to the Texas Letter of the Spies to be sent to Springfield to Austin to notice the Imprisonment of Mr Burnett &c &c

Hutchins

Houston 29th & 31st Dec 1865

Lt Col U. S. Hutchins

Relating to confiscating
Cotton orders from the
Hd Qrs of the District
Commander -

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston Dec. 21st 1863

Sir

Herewith I return copy of letter addressed to Maj Gen J.B. Magruder from Depart Head Quarters, having made a copy for file in this office -

I referred back to you the contract of Mr. Russell Eatonwood &c, being unwilling to act definitely on it - like its predecessors, under sundry clauses, I deem it unfair to the Govt - the parties receiving on the east bank of Rio Grande two dollars worth of cotton, for one dollars worth of goods bought on the opposite bank -

The T.H. House contract has not again been presented - An invoice of rifles, powder, Bagging & rope of $6000. is taken at $16,000, & we were ordered to foot the bill with cotton at four cents pr lb.

Maj Russell has been here several days, leaves tomorrow for Eagle Pass - Mr Turnbull leaves at same time for San Antonio - Maj Blomfield proposes to turn over to us, his cotton, bagging & rope &c - Do you intend us to take charge of the cotton you advise us coming from Louisiana?

Very Respy Yr Obt Svt
W J Hunt Maj
Lt Col & Chief Texas Cotton Office

To Lt Col. E.A. Broadwell
Chief Asst. Quar. D.T.M.
Shreveport
La

Head Qrs. Texas Cotton Office,
Houston, Tex. Dec 29. 1863.

Lt. Col H. A. Broadwell,
Chf Cotton Bureau Dept T. M.,
Shreveport —

Col.

I am in receipt of your valued favors of 22nd & 23d Inst., and note your kind interest in the apparently embarrassed situation this office was forced to occupy in consequence of new and conflicting orders from Dist. Hd. Qrs. I sincerely trust the interference of the Lt. Genl Comdg in our behalf will be sufficiently powerful to prevent any further annoyances by which our efforts must be in a short time paralyzed, unless we are properly protected - Your hasefast assurance of such an intervention as we need, gives me reason to believe that we will yet be able to work out the vexed Cotton question in the manner best suited to our views and our and your experience & knowledge of what is necessary to do.

I enclose copies of orders & letters from Hd Qrs, received during last week, as much for your information as from any desire to enlarge our budget of complaints - You will notice that this Office is directed to furnish Cotton for the

prompt payment of all contracts for arms and ammunition, made by the Genl. - and is directed not to interfere with any permits granted by him based on importations of Arms &c, provided the Cotton is exported by sea - is directed to revoke all exemptions granted for negroes in the service of the Office, & to issue no more, except by special permission from his Hd Qrs - is allowed to use the Railroads to transport Cotton, when Major Ganey judges proper - is requested to allow the Schr "Emily" to proceed to Vera Cruz, for arms - together with the expression of the idea that this Office is not as vitally interested in the Salvation of the Country, or as clearly awake to the necessity of providing arms for its defence, as it might be -

The articles purchased from Mr. House, by the Genl, himself, cost at Invoice prices about $6000 - Mr. House gets about $16.000, for his goods and this Office is directed to pay him in Cotton at 4 Cts - I leave it to your judgement to decide whether the Govt might not have made a better trade through this office, and whether, taking this transaction as a specimen, it would not be better for the interests of the Country if all trades were obliged to be made through this Office -

I am glad to be able to say, however, that I am satisfied the Genl has no intention or desire to interfere with this Office or throw any obstacles in our way, knowingly, and I do not apprehend

any serious trouble, on account of his unintentional interference, beyond the time and trouble expended in communicating with him and inducing him to place matters right. He still expresses his friendly disposition towards this Office & his desire that we will be able to effect the good expected of us, but his great anxiety concerning the safety of the State leads him to misapprehend his position with respect to this Office, and issue orders which, in the opinion of the State at large, & especially those inimical to the Office, would ever prevail virtually lay us on the shelf.

We have given him a sort of promise that he will not hereafter issue any orders detracting from our authority, and an order which he proposes to publish will, in effect, cancel all his late prohibitions, and set us right before the people once more.

I enclose a communication from W. R Ewing in behalf of his firm Trowell, Gatewood & Co. The original paper was returned to him, referred to you for your action.

I return you the Isaacks papers as requested. Mr. Zenon de Mornelle, of San Antonio, an agt of Mr Isaacks, has been furnished with a copy of this paper, in reply to his request that the Same Cattle in his charge be allowed to pass out under existing permit.

Very respectfully
your obt svt
W J Hutchinson
Collector.

In view of the cancellation of all the orders from Dist. Hd. Qrs, with the exception of the one relating to transportation of Cotton by Railroad, I consider it unnecessary to enclose the Copies. I would be glad to send them for your information, but have not as yet been able to procure the necessary clerical assistance, and will not get this letter off in time for the express if I wait for the Copies.

In regard to the Newell, Gatewood & Co. Contract. As explained to this office it is this. The parties were to buy goods at Eagle Pass & turn them over to Govt there, receiving Cotton in payment at 20 cts. Thus the Govt would give up its Cotton at 10 cts less than value at that point, besides paying N. G. & Co. 20 % profit on their goods, when it might just as well make the trade for itself & save the profits & the difference in price on the Cotton. With this view of the case we did not think it proper to approve the contract.

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Houston 9th June 1864

W. J. Hutchins
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Enclosing copy of
Contract with C. C.
Bethell. C S A 30 Lbs.
for the manufacture &
delivery of 200.000 lbs. of
Saltpetre at San Antonio.

Texas Cotton Office
Houston June 9th 1865

Colonel

I send a Contract made with P. C. Bethel & Jn Taylor in which they engage to deliver at Austin 200.000 pounds Nitre for same number pounds Cotton at D. U. The Contract is to extend to 400.000 pounds if required by Gen Smith. Without the Genl wishes to accumulate Nitre for our neighbors beyond the Mississippi - 200.000 pounds with the amount now on hand & being made by Major Lee is supposed sufficient - & is for the Genl to decide - The production of Nitre can be extended to any desired quantity

In the Shreveport Mountain Sulphur is said to be nearly pure has been sold - With proper attention Sulphur enough for all our purposes can soon be had from our own soil - and if it should cost a little more than the Mexicans will furnish it to us for. I am in favor of an effort for home supply -

Ld Brownsville
Opposition Co.

Truly Yr. J. H. Hutchings

1984.

Agreement for the
Manufacture of
Salt-petre
Between Foster
with
Lt Col Hutchins

This agreement entered into this eighth day of June 1864 between P.C. Bethell and I.A Taylor of the first part and Lt Col W.S. Hutchins Q M & Chf of Texas Cotton Office in behalf of the Confederate States of America on the Second part. Witnesseth-

That the parties of the first part agree to enter at once into the manufacture of Saltpetre for the use of the Confederate States. putting at work at least (100) one hundred negroes and the necessary Machinery required for the Manufacture of Saltpetre - and to deliver at Austin Texas to an authorized officer or agent Such Saltpetre as proves to be (90%) Ninety per cent pure - deliveries to be Continued until the amount of (200 000) Two hundred thousand pounds is delivered -

The party of the Second part agrees to receive Saltpetre at Austin - 90% pure - to the extent of 200 000 pounds - and to pay for Same in Cotton at the rate of one pound of Cotton for one pound of Saltpetre - the Cotton to be a good average of Texas Cottons and to be delivered to the parties of the first part at San antonio Texas - The party of the Second part agrees to make the Cotton payments nett (20¢) twenty cents per pound at San Antonio - that is to Say if one pound of Cotton there will not produce 20¢ the price agreed upon their the party of the Second part will pay the parties of the first part twenty cents in ~~money~~ Coin for each pound of Saltpetre delivered. in lieu of the Cotton. pound for pound as Stipulated above

It is agreed between the parties that the Amount of Saltpetre may be increased to (400 000) Four hundred thousand pounds, provided General Smith Commdg Trans Miss. Dept Approves

or recommend Such extension

It is also agreed that upon the delivery of the 200 000 pounds Saltpetre as Stipulated, either party may annul this Contract by giving the other party Sixty days Notice

Witness our hands and Seals at Houston the day & year aforesaid. The word coin interlined on other page before signing -

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of

C. G. Wells
A. J. Walker

W. J. Hutchins (Seal)
Lt Col & Chief
P. C Bethune (Seal)

D. B. Taylor (Seal)

(signed triplicates)

Houston 15th May 1864.

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W. J. Hutchins.
Lt Col.

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Referring to the action
of Maj Hutchins seizing
large quantity of cotton
out of the country & not
introducing any supplies

Houston May 18th 1864

Col -

I am growing somewhat uneasy about Mag Hays movements - He is shoving his cotton out of the Counties rapidly - and what reasons Ralls have given out - Mr Perkins wants that in this way out he can get large quantities of Hays Cotton moving to the R G - He has not brought into the County the value of the still he wrote that I write this with in six months - and steadily refuses to turn a bale of Cotton out of his - my "drive" - It may be all "right" - 14 days. Large amounts of Goods are coming into the Country I hope so.

Wm Kenney
U. S. Marshal Texas

Col Wm Bradfute
Shreveport

Houston 7th June 1864

W. J. Hutchins Esq.

Lt Col &c &c

Sir

Referring to the petition of Wallace Hart at Austin, he is desirous to procure 6000 bales of cotton in the Country in the last 60 days.

Hamilton June 7 64

Colonel.

I am informed that
Maj Hart the bearer in answer
to a part of the time of the session
of the Legislature. Lobbying
in favor of the passage of the
bill to destroy this office - He
is determined not to report
the proceedings - and if he does
the bill will have
the bill again He
must have sent out of the
country 5,000 bales - in
60 days - all I suppose
consigned to merchants - Mar
appears - of which number say
Hart is the principal & Lindsay
partner -
report
say part of which sums are
now coming into the Country
to be paid for by Hart - they
are on the contract - He
refuses to pay for sums
but in no contract with
Colonels made by him - &
if he may now refuse to pay
Nichols

M & B

Houston 9th Jany 1864

Lt. J. Hutchins.
Lt Col & Adj C.O.

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In regard to the claim
of Myers Boulden Rapp
& Walker—

Head Quarters Ist Cotton Office
Houston, Janry 9. 1864

Genl.

I Have this pleasure this morning, in answer to your last favor -

It appears to me that the Bouldin, Riggs & Walker, contract, & the parties themselves are more favorably regarded at Dept. Hd Qrs than my information proves they should be, I am told that Mr. Walker buys Goods in Matamoras at the going rates, which certainly shews that the Govt receives no greater benefits from their labors than from importers in general, yet they seem to be so highly favored that they are to receive almost all the Cotton owned by the Govt in the State - it will at least take all the Cotton now held by Major Bloomfield - I am inclined to hold them strictly to the letter of their contract, by which they are to receive their Cotton at Moseley's Ferry on the Brazos, and object to giving them a Bale of Cotton which has crossed the River - As the case now stands they will be likely to reap the benefit of the Govt. transportation, by getting their Cotton at Eagle Pass, & I think some measure should be taken to prevent their getting more than they deserve - Any one would be willing to

bring goods to one side of the River in exchange for Cotton on the other . . .

Genl. Phil Stockton, Comm'g Texas Arsenal at San Antonio has applied to this Office to supply 800 ℔ Cotton for the same parties, in payment of Ordnance Stores =

He also applies for 500 Bales Cotton, in five installments, to be used in paying for 10.000 Enfield Rifles, contracted for at Richmond by Hannaduke & Thornton, to be delivered at San Antonio, in Apl. June Augt. & Oct '64 - The first 1000 Bales Cotton is wanted at once, the other 4000 Bales, as the arms are delivered. I was compelled, by our utter inability to furnish such an amount of Cotton, to decline acceding to his request, but in answer to a second communication, enquiring when the Cotton could be furnished, I told him that our opinion was that we could not properly pay Cotton on a Contract made at Richmond unless specially ordered to do so, for the reason that it might have been intended that some other Officer should foot the bill - I stated the difficulties in the way of Collecting large quantities of Cotton at the present time, owing to scarcity of Bagg & Rope, want of transportation &c, but promised him that if no provision for payment was made in

other quarters. when the arms were delivered this Office would furnish the Cotton to pay for them - It was deemed unwise to furnish any Cotton previous to delivery of the arms.

It must occur to you that we will be seriously hampered by Contracts made at Richmond, payable in Cotton in Texas - In my opinion no Contract should be made, binding us to its payment unless we are advised of it in advance, - if it is determined we will, doe at all times subject to sudden demands which we may not be able to comply with, or if we do, we may be seriously embarrassed in our civil operations - In any event some party, dealing with Govt. must be dis-appointed, wherefore by proper communication with this Office, or with you, any apparent bad faith might be avoided - Please make such representations in proper quarters, in regard to this subject, as you deem fit -

We think it necessary that Mr. J.C. Mitchell, should be appointed A.A. so as to make him a bonded Officer,

Very respectfully your obt.

W. J. Hutchins
Lt. Col & Chf

Lt. Col. H. A. Broadwell
Chf of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport, La.

Boston 27th Sept 1864

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W. J. Bartlett

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Enclosing Letter of Gov
W. A. Broadwidy to
Brig Gen W. R. Boggs

Houston Texas
September 28. 1864

Captain I enclose a letter from
Col Broadwell to Bris Gen M
R Boggs. which please hand
to him I expect the Colonel in
now in very soon will be here
an Tuesday.

I am Capt
Very respy
H. J. Hutchins
Lt Col.

Captain W. C. Black.
A A Gen
Shreveport
La.

London 27th Sept 1864

[illegible]

M. J. [illegible]

[illegible]

Enclosing Declaration

for draft [illegible]

Captain. Houston Sept 27. 36

I inclose my Draft
receipt for the Drafts sent
in my letter of 19th. - already
drawn - One - six (Sixty)
Exchange - Payable
N.O. on Banking House in
London. Other notes of Jesse
Barnes and endorsed by Lewis
& Templeman & Co. Payable in
London. I have also the pleasure
to inclose the 2nd & 3rd of Exchange
for Dollars.

I have been
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Houston Apl 2 31/84

W. J. Whitaker

Surveyor Co. Colorado

Purchased of Galveston

Old Augustus Lytle

of Gravity to do by Theories in Metaphysics
that we undertake to comply by
Death the Sacrifices which we make
them by the Sect. than the Advocates
for, and to the Antipodes — Though the
Abuse to Common Sense & Reason
- Ist - from Rel. Cap. 2 - which God
had given to Mankind and Conformity
by a Number of artificial Rules
Customs. and it is to consider, that
those Mistakes are Things which
that they may be easily avoided.
- I have to answer to Objects
Objection, which is, that
the Rules of Art are Restraints upon
Invention & Judgment, which are
Faculties by which Men are
Distinguished from Brutes, and
Improved to Degrees of Excellency
more than Mankind in any
other Age or Country. To this they
will in Reflection to the Operation

of the "Bureau". Gen Smith is anxious for me to act as the "Officer" to carry them into effect - I sent Lt Parish 2 days since with £21.11.11. to Matamoras. I hope it has come 2 with - Troops to Brid & afterwards - Lt Rice - pays his own expenses. One way - Capt Wills appears to set on Mill - B & R - is the great obstacle - I am waging all hands going out & bring in large quantities of B. & R. and if Bagging comes has in the next 3 weeks - We will receive it in considerable quantities soon -

Bloomfield's contract still hangs - Gen Smith has written upon it - still I think it will fail -

Yours truly

W. J. Hutchins

La Salle

Houston Oct 1st 1864

W. J. Hutchins

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Drug and To Sample to
Bloomfield and To
Augusta Ga. Charge of Goods
Shipped
To - Filed

Houston Sept 1 1864

Lt Colonel Arrowood

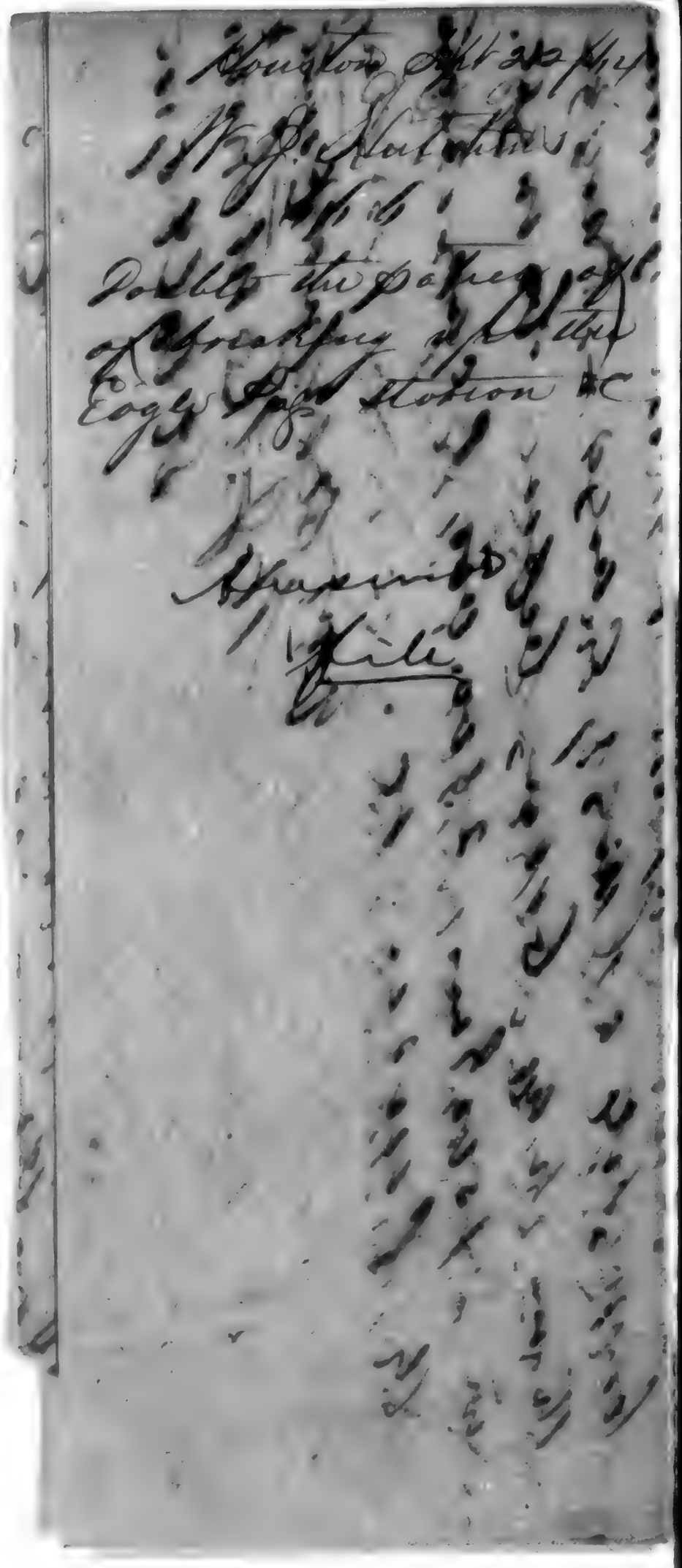
Dear Sir

I have the honor to

[illegible] and if the
[illegible] will [illegible] a very fair sup-
ply [illegible] The cloth is badly
wanted. Any that if possi-
ble [illegible] or any thing that will
assist us to make coats & thus
for winter — the most most
so often — [illegible] Blankets —
Flannel is also much
wanted for [illegible] I
have more than [illegible] about cloth.
transmit to you Blankets this
to bring with cloth.

I like my situation & many
Burgoyne Rio S. Cuts and
Capt. Lynch [illegible] Brown
Wills — [illegible] Both Commissioners
every Thing is [illegible] for Ca Bom
well [illegible] to any of
the [illegible] [illegible] the days
the [illegible] calls of [illegible]
[illegible] all this [illegible]
alone should direct [illegible]

dear or of Bonneville and the
expense is nevertheless great - I
think most of the suggestion - Mary
Russell. should be added to divide,
I do hope Capt Nichols
labors can be so divided up
as the others as not to much
to "overwork" him - it would
be a real calamity to lose
him.
I am glad
that you have arranged with
the Lord - All of Divine pro-
mises to him and
they should be kept. it will
be for our benefit to do so.
Capt Nichols says the Bloom
field matter will likely be
referred to me. I hope you
will decide it - the Maj - does
not favor me - very much
and my decision might cause
the disgruntled Union still more.
I will write again
Yours Respy
W. J Hutchison.



20th. for mind — in the 1st. out
22 for f. an — which I must
will be done:

The certified accounts to
his Resident should be
if possible — and if not be
a full — a payment of 25
of 50 to will and very much
however it is America — I
hope you will find a bill
to the this in. I have found
some time must in sight & those
should be noted in our Act
to a Kingdom list

The are proceeding a good
the same article through the
Blockade — the steamer Fulton
brought state Edwards Case — Parcels
The from by Brown, before to night
in — 1 Box from — 2.500.000 Cap. 20 Box
by — Powder &c.

Yours sincerely
H. J. Hutchinson
Secretary

28th Dec 1863
W. D. Instructions
Lt Col -
4 enclosures -

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Referring to this
difficulty on a/c
of Confederate orders,

Head Quarters, Cotton Office
Houston December 28/63

Col. W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport

Colonel.

I wrote for a line this morning enclosing four letters and the last "news", with the very latest "order", (without them is a new one this morning) - The General, you will see has engaged in the transportation business.

Colonel you have been annoyed at these multiplied orders, all apparently looking to one object - the breaking up of the Cotton Office. The General writes friendly letters and fulminates his orders the same day - He stops the movement of Cotton and the use of wagons, and then asks the office for large quantities of Cotton - Of course this is for some information alone - I think the whole thing rests with a certain Major, who, I am privately informed has said the Cotton Office will not live three weeks longer.

We are advised by Mr. Turnbull that the B & R. Field by Major Bloomfield has been turned over to Major Gary with instructions to hold for his orders.

Mr. Turnbull goes to San Antonio for us on the 30th. Mr. Wells will write you giving a synopsis of matters for the last week. There are many things I would like to write you. Mr. Darby myself saw the General last night. He promises to do better in the future.

Yours very truly
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief Q.M.

Lt Col Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau ? N.D.

December 11th 1863

Lt Col W. P. Hotchkiss
Transfer of Counties south
of Chickamauga to the
Cleveland Division —

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Hd Qrs Cotton Office
Houston 11th Dec 1863

Colonel W. A. Bonnell
Chief of Cotton Bureau

It is desirable that this office work to return its transactions south of Anderson County - . You request therefore that any Cotton purchases in the Counties of Chambers Jefferson - Jas Augustine Labaca. Shelby Sabine &c - Rusk South Henderson Van Zandt. and all north of these . be transferred and charged to your office at Shreveport

Respectfully
W. J. Hutchins
Lt. Col & Chief

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Wm J Hutchins

Huntsville

Dec. Sept 16th 63

Giving his views in regard to the Cotton interests of the State of Texas.

Houston Texas
Sept 3. 1863

Lt Col W. A. Brandon
Shreveport.

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 16th Inst - just received & in reply to your enquiry as to how the Cotton in that State is managed in this State.

This is a difficult question properly to answer.

At the Commencement of the War - Planters were willing to give or sell their Cotton to the Govt. and I think are so still - but they cannot know that the Cotton will be applied in that way - with a full determination to

sold their cotton only to the Govt - They believe that most of their Cotton has gone to speculators. and the feeling is now very strong against Govt Agents. - Others - That they would be in danger to go amongst the Planters to buy Cotton

Now I don't pretend to know how much cotton there is for this settlement - This much I know - that most unfortunate appointments have been made - mostly unfit - both by education & habit. & most or many of them strongly: but would be a little more unfortunate - Some that were known: added nothing

to the reputation of those that
were not. Large amts
of Cotton have been lost
by neglect of Govt agents.
Negl and suffered to rot - the
Indians from this cause will
probably be as great as
from any other cause - I
have heard much said
about dishonest practices
but of this of my own
knowledge - I know
nothing - but it appears
to be pretty generally known
that Conscripts have
taken Cotton to the
Red River - for private
ate Profits - now this
one thing if true would
might lead to any
responsibility if any
thing - and I think
it is pretty generally

known that Collins did come
down and said to have been sold
to Govt agents has not
been used in that way
but can be seen sold
again by the "Govt agent"

I think the whole
matter should be inquired
into and the present
Exposure. "(if it is necessary
of the name") changed.

I hope the commanding General will
feel that he has the
power to take hold of
the whole thing and
direct it - for in the
present condition of
our C.S Notes, we have
nothing to rely on but
Cotton to procure it by

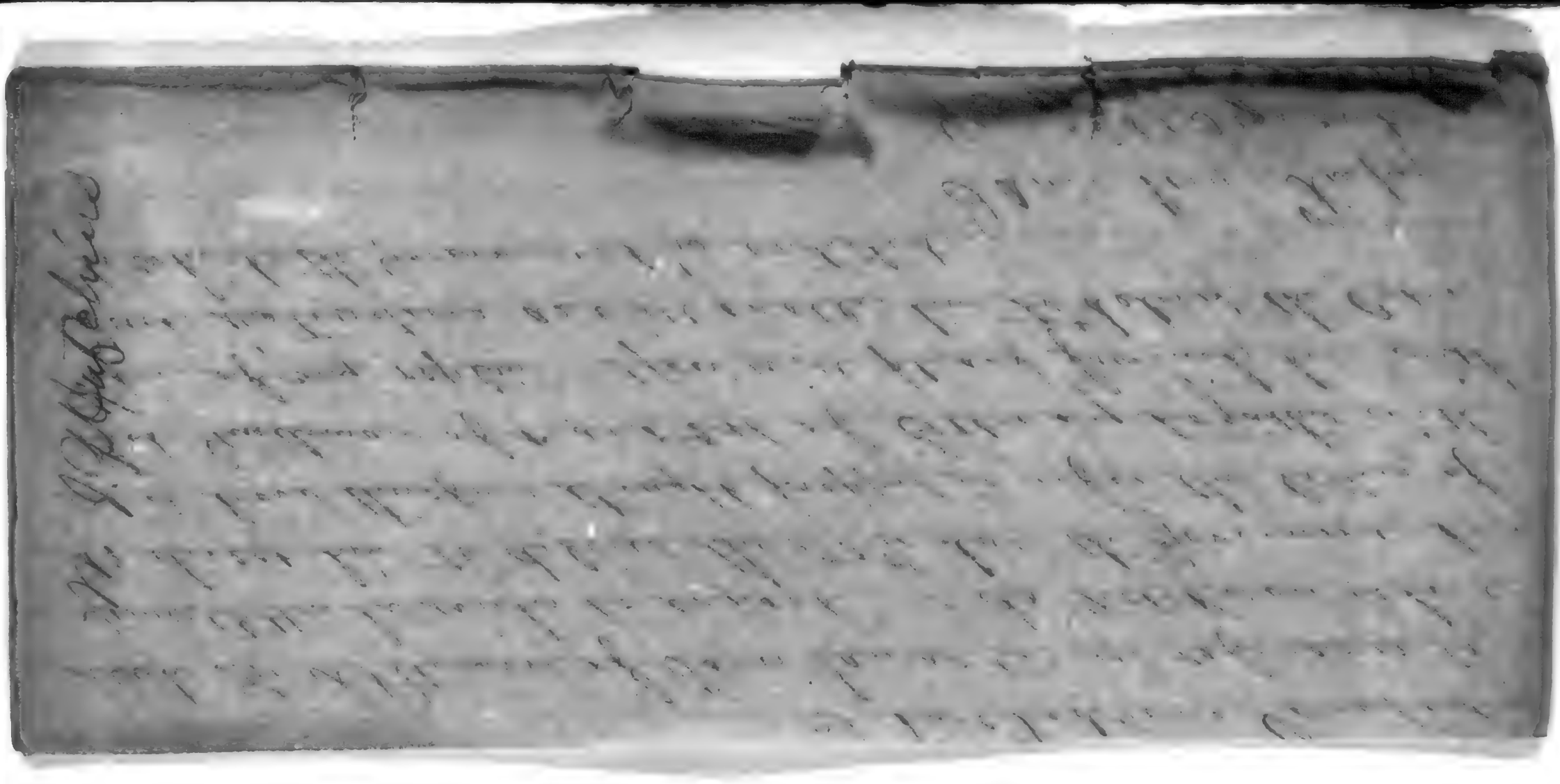
ties - such articles + means
-tions as money will buy
I believe it can be done
and the planters will
be satisfied; — and, with
out being asked, I will
advise Doctor this of this
act —
Cotton is the staple — 15¢ for "middling" good
"s bring readily in
20 days at 6 days sight —
certificate of indebt
ness for the other 1/3 — pay
able as soon as the money
can be realized out
of the Cotton — The Cer
tificate to bear the
usual interest — This
I — Some plan of this
kind can be agreed
to, & that I think will

work well - it might be well also to think of the plan to take 2/3 of the Cotton - planting 1/3 with the Potatoes & peas - but I think the better plan is to take the first - I have spoken of the plan to Conrad and he approved it - and this would do away with the necessity of having no Cotton with plants to sell to them.

I would make a large difference in the value of Cotton - for good Cotton - I would pay a good price while for poor Cotton

a fair one — between
f. g. & mid Cottons in
L. pool. The difference is
here about 12 ℔ — or 6 ℔
Sterling —

I am &c
Very respy
Wm J. Hutchins



Copy

Headquarters Texas Cotton office
Easton March 15. 1864

N. Peterson
Paris Texas

In answer to your favor of the
24th Ult. I will state that your letter of that
date and 1st Inst have been referred to Lieut Colo
W.S. Broadwell Chf of Cotton Bureau Shreveport
with the request that he instruct you where to turn
over the T.C.C. for Government. He will advise you
fully as to where & when to deliver this. Dpn

Very Respectfully
Signed
W. J. Hutchins
Lieut Colonel & Chief

Headquarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston March 15. 1864

Lieut Col
W. A. Broadwell
A. C. Cotton Bureau
Colonel.

I have had some Correspondence with Mr A Peterson of Paris Lamar Co. in reference to some Cotton he wishes to export. I do not know where to direct him to deliver the 50% due the Government. and have therefore thought proppir to refer the letters of that Gentleman of 8th and 25th of February together with Copies of my replies You will please furnish him with such instructions as will enable him to deliver the Cotton to which the Government is entitled.

Dan'l. Very Duty
Yours &c &c
W. P. Burleson
Lieut Colonel & Chief

The enclosed letters of Mr Jules Letters & Spruance to have been sent here through mistake ——

Hudson Bay Co. to the
Hon. Jno. Dyde Esq.
Bd. of Trade
to A. Peterson
In relation to letter of Colter
of February 1st & to
also enclosing letters of
Peterson of 18th & 24th July
& enclosures
Answered 24th July

Copy

Headquarters Texas Cotton office
Houston Feby 16, 1865

L. Peterson
Paris Texas

Sir

In answer to your enclosure of 9th inst
I beg to reply that at present this office is not desirous
of transporting Cotton further west than San Antonio,
& if you can offer to Government undertake to, you propose to
export 200 Bales free of duty exemption and propose to
import such supplies as the Government may enable you
to. This office is not prepared to enter into Contracts of
this kind — They are desirous of encouraging the import-
-ation of any supplies of all kinds and any number
from at fair rates payable in Cotton at Galveston gate. Free
from imposts and which will be in Texas wagons Drivers
which in transporting the Cotton thus required of the Party
parties will have to sell the Government 50% of their Cotton
before an equal quantity and quality can be exported
Parties selling to Government and half of the Cotton will have
the other half exempted and their teams wagons & drivers
also exempted — Conscripts teamsters cannot be employed
in the transportation. Negroes actually in service
of the Labor Bureau will not be detailed — And
those who are not will be protected when employed
as stated above

Very Respectfully

Signed
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief

23d Sept 1864

U S Statutes,
Annotated

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Law regard to the
Regulations of
Steam Vessels

Houston Sept 22 '60

Colonel,

I enclose you a copy of the Appointments. You will notice that Gen Smith is quite significant in them. If the Sept. the Cavalry will continue together under the 12th Section. they requiring each one Division to report to the Genl. before they should be allowed to load.

After this is done, send them to Mr. Parker

All my Sons have not yet returned from their trip here & the Austin Mail.

Very truly
Yr. Obt. Servt
Sam Houston
Lt C.

Lt Col Broadwell
San Antonio.

Capt. Downing about this
& the Col. has not returned

Houston 3rd Oct 1848

Wm. D. Kirkpatrick
Esq
Galveston

Respecting the power
for Attorney to be
the letters on the Printed
Enclosed

Houston augt 24. 1864

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chief Cotton B T.M.D
San Antonio

Colonel

Capt Ellis is here. He leaves this morning for Matagorda. - He says there is now due his Troops for supplies furnished the Troops on the Rio Grande. more than $100.000.. on the Contract made with them; where the demand for Cotton is so great. it is difficult to see what purpose exists to apply it - but it does appear that this debt to U.S. should be paid - they understood to supply the Troops with the distinct understanding that the Cotton to pay them should be promptly provided

The South seems to be further visited in requisitions more

by Gen Slaughter.

I hope you will be able to organize into a separate from Chambers District all the County west of San Antonio River - including that place in the hill country - Gonzales, Lavaca, Colorado, Fayette, Bastrop, Travis, Caldwell & Hays - I am in favor of the Rio Grande Valley District - & in favor of Corpus Christi - The latter district for both sides will require $7,000 per year - I have signed for one - I have more than 600 from in the Medina County cloth is the "Negro" type - Blankets & domestic goods are all in demand -

I am Genl
Yr Obt Servt
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col C

Houston Tex. Jany 1st 1864

U. S. Antelope

Ex. Sch. Robertson C.O.

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In regard to the Contract of
Mr. Hunter payment of
Cotton

Private

Head Qrs Dt. Bottom Office

Houston Jany 10 1864

Col

I wrote you yesterday. Since
then the General has arrived
& nothing of importance has
occurred. I have also sent for the
Beef packers & Planters - I
have not seen or heard from them
to bring me to an agreement
I intend to try and give you a
Copy of our reply to Mr Morrison.
This Contract will never do
Mr Morrison's Proposition to take
Cotton at 10 cts is made in Cotton at 10 cts
& to make the Government receive 6 cts
for all the Cotton. We will be Doing
Cheap Here - This Statement
for the Planters - I get the
Cotton 4 cts - & sell 2 pairs for Cotton.
Shoes - We pay 12½ for Cotton
value - it will net 20 to 25
cts 5 cts by sending to me
which the Planters pay, of
Course we get 2½ to 5 cts
Three cents to Mr Morrison - and
nothing do we by Morrison, or receiving

our reply
thereto it would be very unpleasant
and we therefore desire to investigate
the matter — You will therefore
to confer with Bloomfield & Co
on? giving the Writers our
case to the Examiner of the
Supreme Office. Yours Truly
"It is done"

Ropes & Rope alone
meanings more to prove
our Masters to oblige. Many
whose manufacture consists
of cordage & wood stuffing
so much as Flint & Imported
& Bark Mon. Trusts if
We had the old Contra-
cts of the Navy. We can
do good service to
the Country. Why not give
more to those of them. Those more
to the Limits of the Office. So
if Mr Lumley = through the "De-
partment, to Lords Comt of this
House?"

The Inclosed Major Lee to
Brig. made the Bridges Rope
Walk. find and as soon
as May Result — will give
him. Major Key Office Stores

[illegible] [illegible] Eagle Pass.) Maj Lee will go at once to Piedras Negras and write the bottom of Sheets to send up to Eagle Pass. On the outside an [illegible] army must now. (a list of which we have sent). We promise us to keep Town at Eagle Pass with Bottom in Making This [illegible] We hope for these that all Chiefs - and hope to procure as much cotton Bale as possible under the Contract proposed -

We now have Agents in most of the Counties and as soon as we can furnish Bales & Rope - can procure Cotton enough for [illegible] purposes Why this [illegible] except the Sheets and ropes - Except the Sheets and ropes - they have been using 2 years - this last time yield again inferior no. I wish I could have the to report the death of Gen Kyle - He died Town days since -

Letter for Maj Jackman. This - This starts matters [illegible]

[illegible] to you — Mr. McClung
[illegible] and decline to [illegible]
[illegible] and from [illegible] he learn that
[illegible] is trying to [illegible]
[illegible] action to [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible] Philippines &c.
I hope it will [illegible]
[illegible] with renewed [illegible]
[illegible] of respect from the

Houston Lodge No. 40
U. D. K. of P.
Houston, Texas
Sept. 27 97

In regard to the Antelope
Mr. Clarke [illegible]
Attention.

Mr. McClung
W. J. Hutchison
Lt. Col. Ohio
Sul. for a Brandwine
Chief of Bureau
[illegible]
Quartermaster

I would like very much if you could
[illegible] the time to visit me — & say
the Associates — The Gen'l Banquet
may be a success — I was told of his
[illegible]

Houston 9th Jany 1864

1000.

Stephen D. Yancy

Belong to the Cotton office
will pay Mr Thrasher in
Cotton for arms & ammunition
brought in. in accordance
with Contract.

Head Quarters Dist of Texas New Mexico & Arizona
Houston Texas Jany 9th 1864

Lt-Col W. J. Hutchins
Chief of Cotton Bureau

Sir I am instructed by Maj Gen Magruder to desire of the Cotton Board that they will please state in writing whether or not they will give Mr Hume the Cotton in payment for arms Ammunition &c brought in by the Schooners Hyer and Ann Gibbonson in accordance with the Contract made ~~with~~ by Mr E A Burke as Govt Agent sent out by the Maj Gen Commanding to Havana for the purpose of procuring Arms & Ammunition. The arms are in the hands of the men & the Ammunition has been delivered. Three vessels are required to proceed immediately to sea for the purpose of ~~obtaining~~ bringing in a part of the arms of those released by the French and every moment lost may be fatal.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Stephen D Lee
A. A. Gen.

An Official Copy
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chf

Houston 9th Jany 1864

W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col & Comd of Cav'y

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In regard to applications
orders from Dist Hd Qrs

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston January 9 1864

Lt Col. W A Brownell
Chief Cotton Office T. M. D.
Shreveport

Col.

I have to acknowledge receipt your communication of 30 ult. with states enclosures which will receive attention when Mr Ballinger returns from his excursion.

It was supposed at one time these all troubles with this Head Quarters were ended, hence Mr Harby's letter to you, but we have now daily evidence that the letter from Dept Head Quarters has produced a feeling of mortification or of asperity towards this office which has culminated in the receipt this morning of the enclosed copy of our order. The effect of which is not ascertained neither can we judge of the motive that prompted it unless it be to weaken the influence of this office which it is perhaps supposed may be needing curtailment

I send the order in time to exhibit it to Maj Johnson Dept Genl on the eve of his leaving for Shreveport where he will arrive nearly the time you receive this.

Maj J. seems to realize the injury that might be done and strongly recommends that the course of the office should be firm and that we should not permit the order to disturb our efforts to serve the Govt. - we are not inclined to permit ourselves to be disturbed, if this order is to be the last of the series, but if it be only the beginning of it then

it may cause a relaxation - for it is needless to disguise the fact that all our efforts to do good will be rendered nugatory unless seconded by the Co: operation of The Genl. commanding this Dist. It is unnecessary for me to impress this on you - we want to do good - and feel That we have all the needed encouragement from Dept Head Quarters as long as this is continued we shall not despair -

It is not considered necessary for an estimate to be made for funds for this office unless it is designed to change the plan of purchasing cotton - viz for a Treasury note - for any other purpose the amount need be but small as it is supposed - so small that by making a liberal estimate for the Chief Office it covers those as we see we may need -

Do I understand you to say it is necessary to file a Bond? if so it will of course be done - we know no letter of army regulations, that we require to be prompted in our line of duty even tho it is expected that you will give such instruction - - - - - - - - -

It is considered by this office unfortunate that your cousin not visit San Antonio - it is suggested whether it would not now be attended with profit for you to make a visit there, and adjust the relative duties of Maj. Hart and his cotton operations with reference to the operations of this office - these things must be reconciled in some way Maj H has made no report or held any correspondence with This office. we are ignorant of what he has done or is doing - there should be no conflict -

I am col. Very Respt yr

H. E. Hunt Lieut

A. A. Gen Chief

28th Jany 1864/002

W. J. Hutchins -

Official Business -

Contracts &c &c -

Answered.

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston January 28. 1864.

Lt Col. W. A. Bradwell
Chief Cotton Bureau C. S. A.

Colonel

I send for your inspection Copies of two letters from our Agent showing the state of affairs which are occurring in this Office. The Generals against this & Mr. Sam Johnston and Maj. Dickinson object seriously to any exhibitions for the good interests of the Office.

Lt Col Smith reached Houston today - but left for a time only.

Colonel, we must be heard right - We must have power over such countries as the C. S. A. Contract - Something must be entrusted to our discretion - If we are under suspicion - if we are incompetent, have us relieved - We must have the military and moral support of the Maj. General Commd'g, as well as the Lt General - The Country expects great results from this Office, and unless we have some scruples we are bound to come short of the expectations of the Army & People. Since the Alleghany R.R. was commanded not to take Cotton, we have not been able to take one bale of Cotton over it - The order has worked great mischief - The Road had no business but the carriage of Cotton - it is not a Provision road - As soon as the General ordered that no more Cotton should be taken, the President of the Road came in here and reported that the Road had no business and cut Wadsworth at Jamestown off - A Contract was made paying the Road $48,000 Month or near $600,000 per annum to do nothing - I made contracts for about 1000 B/C near the Road, early in December - Judge Stith and two or three others tried to deliver their Cotton, but so many obstacles were

shown us in showing that they have Raised Cotton - Judge Stith sold us (500) five Hundred bales - delivered 127 - which are still at Eagle Lake - He Judge owns, or has Control of three large Plantations - He has enough wagons on all the Places to deliver 127 Bales at one trip, which Wagons we gave exemption for when delivering Cotton to them Recent - Upon these Wagons that called forth the letter to Lt Col Smith, accusing me of exempting all Wagons on Plantations

I said something to you about the goods of Lewis Lane said to have been bought in to sell to U.S. Store, when I learned that by buying the goods from Mr Lane I saved 3750 bales Cotton which was only for reference and I called 4000 - Now, there was still another Land Tract of this that I did not mention - the goods were invoiced by Mr Lane very high - for instance I have bought Low Cost Goods lots of Iron at 25¢ Mr Lewis sion to deliver Iron will Cost 27¢ - 92.000 lb of Iron - difference 12 per lb - There are 100.000 lb Pork, Coffee &c -

There is but one way to manage this Contract, and that is to pay the debt after more mature investigation debts are all paid; and with Your approbation I will leave it at the "Head of the docket" - in the mean time I will lay aside every bale of Said Four Cotton to send to Manufacturing -

Miss Shepherd & Ball are well - Mr Sealy is in Philadelphia - where he will probably Remain some time - He has opened the Depository at Huntsville -

Remain Colonel -
Yours most truly
W J Hutchins
Heroley & Co

Your favor of the 25th just Rec'd Contents Cadmus & fully appreciated

Houston 12th Jany 1864

No 203

H. J. Hutchins

Lt Col & Chf C.D.

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Ltr regarding the transaction with Mr Boyce

The Endorsement remarks of Maj Blumfield.

Headqrs 3rd Cav Corps
Martinsburg Jany 12 1864

Col.

I send you herein Copy of a letter to me from my Genl in reply to the letter I sent to transmit the Cotton to Harpers Ferry for shipment to Genl Hooker - I endeavored to carry out the Genl's instructions to the letter - but was met by the Genl. replied (verbally) that he did not wish to interfere with the matter & left Genl Sandy Bell, who was with me, to do as he called on the Genl - We found Genl very pleasant - proposing to send us in charge of the Cotton - I suggested that circumstances would not admit of it - as I had to return at 8 A.M. on the following day - The Genl replied that

it would appear from that offer that Cotton was worth 8¢ at least. He sent for Mr Hunt and we finally arranged the matter — He [illegible] me for Cotton — I won't comment on the Gent's reason for fixing the price of Cotton at 4¢, only that a sensible man as he is in most things - should get such ideas in his head is curious — it so appears to me — That trouble is disposed of — and Mr Horne is loading his waggons to go after more Cotton — so is Mr Mills & others

The Gent has a passion for orders — He proposed three or four times during our Interview to issue orders — I urged him not to do so — I hope never — He withdrew his orders — He said the reasons for the last order was not that we had interfered with his contracts — but he felt that it might not appear right with his Soldiers — The

Seal was very pleasant to
Friend - He had the bottom
of his pretty mouth Discovered.
I have by the first rec'd. they
shall have attention — The
Champion Contract was
referred to the Seal. about
the time that Seal was
Inebriated or under or not
in not to cancel his Seal
Contracts — or by agreement
was referred to them — You
did it handsomely —

We are going on meeting
with success - Gillmis Cotton Company
B — has settled and is A No. 1 —
Now I think you are the
cause of the Majs displeasure
towards the C.O. — You did
not lend the Knife to trip
when here and I am of opin-
ion you did just right — He
appears kindly disposed - Don't I
hear of ugly remarks

I am Col. Yr most Dut
Col Wa Broadwell W. J. Hutchins
Chief Col'n Bureau I. M. D. St Co. & Agent

23rd Sept 1864

U. S. Statutes

Sailing

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Advertising remittance

of £20. does stating

Folio

Office Purchasing
Commissariat

Colonel.

I enclose three letters addressed to you from Deputy Agents
Nos. 3927 3926. 4000 also copy
of a letter from Maj Stacpoole
to Genl Bourgeois. These were
sent by Capt M c Black.
to be forwarded to you.
One has by the Jamaica. the
Ryan has a package for the
Barbados Genl. Ghost.
Barbuda Offers on Barings
Bros. 16- for £ 21,164. 1. 6 - -
He has received through
the Mortgage. since upon
£16. 000 2000. Guns. on
5,000. 000 Pounds. 31. or 40,000
francs, Powder - and many
Medical articles -
have written to Perkins
which has also for upon - Guns
upon account of the proba-
bility - that the Provisions
requisitions. would soon
be punctual -
In Bruma has gone to Antigua
& will return & probably from
in a day or two.

Your Excellency
Most Obedient
Humble Servt.

W. J. Nicholson
Lt Colonel

Houston 17th Aug 1864

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M. J. Hutchins.

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Referring to a suspected
purchasing agent at
San Antonio

Office Purchasing Agt
Memphis Augt 17. 1864

Lt Col H. G. Bronnell
Chief Cotton Bureau D.T.M.
Holly Springs

Colonel

I have to call your attention to the great difficulty that will arise in settling my Quartermasters accounts by attempting to have all Purchases of Cotton made at Gen Orders Stations on the Rio Grande Letters sent thru Agents must be sent to Treas Agents and cannot be answered by return of mail.

I ask that a Superintendent be appointed to take charge of and settle in Kind Letters all Co-operative Cotton Contracts. Neither the Agents nor Sent to Memphis be answered.

If it is thought best the Cotton can still be bought and sent in our Direction - by Mr.

Houston 20th Sept 1864

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W. J. Hutchins

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Acknowledging receipt of letter to be forwarded to Col Broadwell.

Office Provost Marshal
Boston Sept 20. 64

Captain

I have just received
the 13th. inclosing letter
No 3927. 3996 & 4000 from
Dept No. Also copy of one
from Maj Hagner to Gen Boyd
all for Col Broadwell.

If Gen Rice will go to-mor-
row morning. with papers
from this office for Mr Mc.
Perkins — Capt — or Mataman
I will send the Papers
for Col Broadwell by him

I am Capt
Yr obt Svt.
W. J Hutchins
Lt Colonel

Capt No 6 Block 29
in Eaton Square
Washington

Houston 21st Sept 1841

W. B. Hutchings

(1537)

Acknowledging receipt
of Exchange
forwarded from the Office

Houston 26 Sept 1864

Captain

I have yr favor of the 17th in closing Duplicate, Bill & Exchange - Drawn by T.W. Burnett P.O. on Barnes Bonte - Lunn & Green and endorsed by Jacob Barker - Amt $5943.75 - I will send receipts by next Mail

Mail will send receipts for the Bills of Exchange sent by Mr Sampson.

I send the Instructions now regulations. We are not able to know what effect is intended to - "Collector of the Department will for the coming year"

Respectfully Your obt Servt H.J. Bulkeley Asst Col.

Capt W.L. Blair A.A.G. Shreveport.

Houston 4th Decr 1865

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W. J. Hutchins

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Enclosing Copies of pamphlet showing operations of Cotton Bureau in Texas

Houston December 4. 1844

Lt Col N. A. Brodnax
Secretary

Colonel,

I send you a pamphlet giving a pretty full account of the Senatorial Contest Office, & Colton Duncan, which is an amended Copy of the one already sent you. I send you three extra Copies - If an opportunity offers, please send one to the Hon'ble D. S. T. Wigfall, Senator from Texas, Hon'ble A. H. Brand, and Hon'ble F. R. Lubbock, Representatives, at Richmond, and send you a fourth Copy to dispose of as you may think best.

I am very respectfully
Colonel
Your obed't Serv't
W. J. Hutchins

Houston 8th Oct 1867
U. S. Statutes
Laid 069

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Address of his
departure from
Marshall -

Houston Oct 6. 1862

Col

I am suddenly called to muster
these Rent + Judge Gray. I
presume the new Regulations are
to be put in motion.

I leave for Navasota this
morning.

Yr Frnd
N.J. Hamilton

Col Wm Bronaugh
San Antonio

Houston 25th Apl 1864

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W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & C
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Referring to the final settlement of the claim of Boulding, Riggs & Walker. The introduction of large quantities of goods — The action of Gov Murrah in prohibiting the order stopping the purchase of Cotton.

"This Agreement entered into this twenty second day of April 1864 between Lt Col W. J. Hutchins Chief of Texas Cotton Office and Boulding Riggs & Walker, Contractors, Witnesseth That for the purpose of Settling finally the Claim of Boulding Riggs & Walker referred to the Cotton Office by Lt Genl E. Kerby Smith for Ordnance Stores delivered to the Ordnance Department as per Invoice Certified by Maj Thos G Rhett Chief of Ordnance and Artillery Trans Miss Dept under date March 28th 1864 amounting after deduction of Sundry articles therein Mentioned as not delivered to one hundred and twenty five thousand eight hundred and eighteen 8/100 dollars... the following terms are agreed upon by the parties Viz.

The (500) Five hundred Bales Cotton paid to Boulding Riggs & Walker by the Cotton Office at Alleytow and Brenham to be taken in account at the Schedule rate of the office

The balance due upon the claim to be paid in Specie on the Rio Grande as soon as possible - payments not to exceed an average of ninety days from Sixteenth of April instant

The Cotton office will grant an exemption to Boulding Riggs & Walker for (1000) One thousand Bales Cotton Unconditional as to Locality of purchase and a further exemption for (2000) Two thousand Bales, Conditioned that the purchase be made of Cotton now lying east of the Colorado River - These exemptions to be taken by Boulding Riggs & Walker in full Satisfaction of all Claims on account of delay and in lieu

of all permits or exemptions heretofore issued in their favor by the War Department or from Head Quarters Trans Miss Dept. or any other Source authorized to issue the Same in behalf of the U.S. Government

This Settlement when completed to be in full Satisfaction of the Claim as Stated and of all damages Claimed or arising under it

Witness our hands and Seals the day and year aforesaid

Signed Sealed & delivered in Presence of

Signed) W. J. Hutchins {Seal}
Lt Col & Chf I.C.O.

Signed) Bouldin Rigg & Walker {Seal}

[redacted]
(S) A J Walker Capt P.A.C.S.
(S) E A Lemmon

Attorney
A. J. Walker
Agent

Hd Qrs Tex. Cotton Agency
Houston April 25 '64

Colonel.

Put your foot down on the Government plan for exporting Cotton. Let the Government ship Cotton. Cotton bought by the State and no other. The demand for substitution must stop. The Country is ruined by all the Speculators of the Country and all the Cotton commissioners. The private Trade Brings. I am afraid will lead to much

I have closed business with R.R.Co. and please don't draw any more drafts on this way. We have been nearly a month at it. All hands have got mad except Shipherd. This annoyance comes from a new debt that must be paid.

Large quantities of Goods are coming in. I will get them in the Country and demand on chance to pay for them. I have only the title to Cotton & be prepared to give over

answer— I wrote Maj T. B Sm
that I should leave the question of
state bottom to Gen Smith & the Secy
as the appears to have misinterpreted
it strictly it is held as bottom not
strictly belonging to the state—
I infer from a letter rec'd from Gen
Bowman— I will send a
copy to Thomson— The separate mile
rates all over Jacks and we should
gain by it— I have never had
any thing to do with [illegible] Grand
character as the Gen of this State—
I intend to learn his plan
when I see it but could learn nothing
at all— He was polite— and yet
in his letter said I knew all
about it is strange— I will write
to Thomson after a while— The route
agent system should not be discon-
tinued during the purchase of Cotton— that
was settled— The route by Smith
18 days before the 1st April. That of the
Choctaw to depart the Tenth inst 31 days
to fulfill the order— which
order is not to note the cost of
publication and is a blank—

Yours truly
WJ Pope

Col. Brandon
Vicksburg

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Houston, Texas,
1011 April 14 1886.
H. 908.

Lt Col W. T. Hutchins,
Chf Trs. Cotton Office.

Relative to the con=
tract at Bonded int.
Riggs & Walker.

Reed Hdqrs U. S. M. D.
April 17 1886.

Hd Qrs 1st Corps Office
Houston April 14. 1864

Brig Gen W. R. Boggs
Chief of Staff
Headquarters

Genl. For the information of Lt Gen Smith I am instructed to state that neither of the propositions submitted to us through the Hon Secretary of War on the subject of exchanging prisoners of war are acceptable to the Government. It is willing to pay other reasonable terms for their release. It will not pay more than $25 per man for Privates and other equivalent rates for officers. It will not pay more than $25 per man for Privates and other equivalent rates for officers. The Government of the U.S. has attempted the carrying of troops on the banks of the Rio Grande and by means of powerful steam vessels plying thereon with the Rio Grande. 50 per cent. advance.

We have offered to pay their in cotton at its value on the Rio Grande or if paid in the interior the Rio Grande price less the handling and give

them in addition. The privilege of exporting 3,000 Bales Cotton - free from the rules of this office - The Cotton to be brought East of the Colorado

I've think with this a very liberal offer - but they have not accepted it -

I believe I have answered all other Claims that could be paid (with [illegible] in mind) for the Quarter ending with the 30th Inst - We have [illegible]

Six Cents per pound is offered for any Cotton shipped here which is 30 Dollars for 3 Bales Bales This is a bonus to that sent to G. R. Fry in addition to paying Freight. The debt

I have made this liberal proposal to meet the views of Gen Sherman - and he has expressed to me his wish that they should be liberally dealt with.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief

Houston 2d Feb 1864

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M. J. Hutchins

to

Maj Gen. M. Bryan

Presenting the views of the Secretary of the office with respect to an adjustment of the claims of the Gov Memorial

Gov Murrah, the Collector & Maj Bryan

conflict of, or suggest modifications of the Farmers Plan action.
The effect of that plan upon the functions of the Officer has been explained as was our duty both to the Department and District Commanders. But so far as either of those Commanders knows or has expressed any opposition with reference to the Farmers Plan, the entire responsibility is with him and not with the Cotton Officer. It will work faithfully as long as it can effect any thing. If outside causes intervene which thwart its usefulness, the responsibility is not theirs. But these orders cannot influence and action has been and shall be most anxiously to avoid injurious competition or conflict, and secure harmony in the public service.

Wishing You success in Your efforts.

I Remain, Your truly & obedt. Servt.

W J Hoge

Lt. Col. & Asst. I. G. O

To

Major Guy M. Bryan

A. A. G.

Houston

Head Quarters Trans Miss Office
Houston March 18. 1864

Maj Gen W. R. Bryan
Houston

Dear Sir - Referring to your request made in our conversation this morning, I enclose herewith for your perusal a copy of the letter of Lt. Gen. E. K. Smith of 4th inst referred to - You will perceive the reliance placed by Gen. Smith on the efficiency of this office to procure military supplies, especially in view of his having abrogated all contracts -

You will readily perceive, how unfortunate at such a juncture is the inauguration by the Governors of his plan for purchasing cotton - should, as I fear it prevent my purchasing as heretofore -

I sincerely trust you may be successful in your interview with the Governor in arriving at some conclusion equally satisfactory to him and the Lt. Gen'l, whereby I may be able to supply the pressing want of the Department

I would mention, that among other supplies needed, there is one requisition for Ordnance stores to the Amount of Four millions of Dollars -

Very Respy
Your Obdt Servt
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col and Chief

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston March 18. 1864.

Major.

I am in receipt of your communication of yesterday informing me that you are instructed by Lieut. Gen. Smith to endeavour to arrange matters between the Governor of the State and the Cotton Office so that they (we) may co-operate with each other: and you request that the Office submit a plan or plans by which this co-operation may be effected. which you propose to submit to the Governor and endeavour to obtain his approval of the same.

I deem it proper to say that I have no reason to believe that any common plan, or plan of co-operation with the Cotton Office is desired by the Governor. I had several interviews with him on his recent visit to Houston. The disposition of co-operation and liberality by the Office towards the Governor, officially and personally, was fully expressed. As long as it was supposed he contemplated a plan which would admit the continued operation of the Cotton Office, we were anxious for his success. When the features of his plan became sufficiently understood he was assured that its operation as proposed by him would prevent the future efficiency of the Cotton Office. The Governor's plan was undertaken with full notice of our assured conviction that the Office could not obtain Cotton for the Military service in competition with his plan without entering into a mode of competition, wholly repugnant to our views of public policy, and prejudicial in our judgement to the public interests. I repeat that nothing has ever occurred giving me any ground to suppose that the Governor desires or would consent to any connection or common plan of action with the Cotton Office. and I wish to guard most distinctly against any construction or inference on the part of the Governor, that the Cotton Office assumes to propose any such plan, or any modification or feature of his action.

At the same time if it were in the power of the Office to devise a plan by which the necessary supplies for the Military Service of this Department and the supplies required by the Governor for the State could be obtained in a satisfactory and harmonious manner, they would esteem themselves most fortunate in so doing. They recognise the importance of the object in the fullest degree. Their inability to devise such a plan will not prevent their ready and zealous co-operation in one by whomsoever proposed.

A great difficulty in the way of suggestions is our ignorance of how far the Governors views are open to modification, and the delicacy, as well as impropriety of any which might have the appearance to them of assumption on the part of the Office which we distinctly disclaim.

Another difficulty arises from the fact that Congress has undoubtedly legislated with respect to the exportation of Cotton - what are the precise provisions of the laws, - what will be the regulations pursued, or policy pursued by the President to govern its exportation - how far the present plan of the Governor, or any plan we might suggest may conform with those regulations - and whether the functions of the Cotton Office will not thereby be terminated are all points as yet unknown to us.

Relying that you will preserve the Office from misconception by the Governor, and also from any appearance of an attempt to anticipate or obstruct the execution of the laws of Congress and the policy of the President, I will venture to submit to you such views as occur to me on the subject submitted by you.

I. The only object of the Office is to procure the Supplies required by the Military. When the Governor was here he said that the purposes to which much the greatest part of his Cotton (I think 9/10) was to be applied were readily those purchases intended by the Cotton Office, and that they could be turned over when procured to the Military Authorities. You are aware of the reliance placed by Genl. Smith on this Office to procure his Supplies of Ordnance and other Stores, and the extreme

arguing with which he calls upon it to procure Cotton to obtain them. I have been obliged to answer him that the Office would do all in its power, but was so crippled by the Governor's plan that it could not meet his expectations. If the Governor will consult with the Department Heads Quarters and enter into definite and satisfactory arrangements to furnish them supplies of any kind - arms, powder, munitions &c &c to the extent of his Cotton, & specify what he wishes to secure for the defenceless of the State, and will relieve the Cotton Office from that obligation, although its operations will continue in a crippled [illegible] condition, yet the supplies furnished by him will compensate for our short comings, and such arrangements would meet with no objections from this Office.

II. The Governor expressed the opinion in several conversations here that the working of his plan would not disable the Office from obtaining the current supplies needed by the Military. Gen'l Rains also concurred in that opinion.

You will be able to assure Governor Murrah that his plan has already had, and will still more decidedly continue to have that effect.

One of three consequences seems to result - That the Military must go unsupplied - that the Governor must supply them, Cotton being the only resource - or that the Governor should modify his own demands.

If, as you have expressed the opinion the quantity of say 12,000 bales supposed to be now under Contract by his various Agents would probably satisfy the Governor, and he will suspend the acquisition of Cotton beyond that amount, the transit of that quantity of Cotton should meet with no objection whatever.

III. Some scheme to blend and combine the action of the Governor with that of this Office has been anxiously considered; but I regret to say without clear and precise results. I repeat, however,

that, without presuming to ask it from or suggest this to the Governor if one could be devised agreeably to him it would meet our considerations. Certain features may be indicated. The Governor could be represented in the Cotton Office. He could furnish his Bonds as part of the Capital, which could be used in the purchase of Cotton either alone until exhausted, or purchases might be had an equal amount in Bonds, and in the Certificates of the Office. The Cotton thus purchased by the Governor's Bonds, after his appropriation of the amount of it necessary to the Instant and Indispensable use of the State - to be used in the purchase of such Arms, Munitions, Supplies &c as should be designated by the Governor, the same to be turned over to the Military, for which the Confederate Government should stand indebted to the State of Texas.

You will of course perceive that points are here involved as to which the Office has no definite powers, and which would require the action of the Commanding General or some other representation of Confederate authority. I can do no more than suggest outlines.

If the Governor's Plan had not entered the field the Cotton Office would have had no difficulty in procuring supplies for the military service.

In the present condition of matters, however, a junction with the Governor, the representation of the State as well as the Confederate interests by the Office, and the great influence and strength he could lend to the Office, if it were his motive and desire to do so, are objects which are fully value and would be most highly to see effected, believing they would have a most excellent effect on the public service.

I beg to make one more remark. The Cotton Office is only the creature of the Military Authorities to meet their indispensable necessities. It claims no independent right - whatever to disagree to

complain of, or suggest modifications of the Governor's plan or action. The effect of that plan upon the functions of the Officer has been explained as rendering duty both to the Department and District Commanders. But so far as either of those Commanders however or how exercised any discretion with reference to the Governor's plan, the entire responsibility is with him and not with the Subordinate Officer. I will work faithfully as long as it can effect any thing. If outside causes intervene which prevent its usefulness, the responsibility is not mine. But those existing causes & influences and action have been and shall be most anxiously to avoid injurious competition or conflict, and secure harmony in the public service.

Wishing You success in Your efforts.

I Remain Your respectfully

Your obed't Servant

W J Hutchins

Lt. Col. & Asst. I. G. O

To

Major Guy M. Bryan

A. A. G.

Houston

Hd Qrs Texas Cav. Div.
Houston April 16. 64

Maj Gen'l Bryan — A. A. G.

Sir,

Yours of the 7th. from Austin forwarding copy of Gov. Murrah's letter to you, was duly received in proper time.

I notice your remarks about Gov. Murrah's letter to you and agree with you. The Credit of the State must suffer. But it is the Cotton that ought have been shipped & converted into gold for the Country. I do not like Murrah's letter by any means, but that is about the extent of my agreement with him. I am willing to burn half of the Cotton of Texas to save the other half. As this appears to be the only way to keep the Cotton out of the hands of the Enemy. I am willing to burn all the Cotton belonging to citizens of Texas in my District. I am not willing to burn a bale of Cotton

The Plantiff has Agreed to release the Matter in pursuance of the Statute to take it out of the Courts — when the Planter again takes the Cotton by paying the Farmer the Price he Rents it from the Diamond made on it by C. P. authorities. This is not what the State plans to the Farmer, nor Farmers at — the government should not be allowed to compete. Yes of the Cotton of the Planter — to the State com requires the assistance of the other 1/3. The Farmer should be required to pay Cotton and present the Farmers Certificate as the law to the — to do more. In all this I am actuated by a desire to be candid. I are desirous to protect Cotton the Public Farmers Cotton from the Public already Public that — are not interested in the Cotton of the Farmers, but not enough to be a complete — are not interested for nearly all Cotton the Farmers has been in the past two

my own - Nearly every thing that has been said - has been with us - for and about cotton - it now has to us a debt against this office -

I am working here - with out the hope of fee - or reward. in 4 months time - making all my time - more than 4 times more money than I had in a life time before and if I can serve the country usefully - I am willing to continue - but if I cannot by my own, allow me to retire

We are now receiving but a very small amount of cotton. and as long as the Government allows to export cotton as she is at present - I foresee a hope of much increase in receipts - It is no use to [illegible] Thing over - when I shall see with the Government and her agents as competitors, we can do nothing.

Please talk with Gen Smith and decide for the good of the County.

I am very respectfully
W. J. Shutt Supt
Lt Col + Chief

Executive Department
Austin T. Apl 2d 1864

Maj Genl McBryan—

Sir—

Your communication dated Austin 25 inst. has been received. You state that you have been instructed by Lt. Genl. E. Kirby Smith to endeavor to produce harmony of action between myself and the Cotton Office of this State in regard to the operations of each in the use of cotton for obtaining supplies. You give an extract from a letter of Lt. Col Hutchins of the Cotton Bureau embracing, in substance, the assertion that the Cotton Office is crippled in securing supplies for the Army by the plan of the Governor. You earnestly request that the plan of the Governor be arrested or modified so not to conflict with or prejudice those of the Confederate authorities for obtaining supplies for the Army. I regard this communication as a respectful appeal to the Executive of the State and as intended to represent a fact in regard to the interest of the Army which he could not have anticipated would be brought about under or through the operation

of the State in Cotton authorized by the laws. My object in inaugurating the plan referred to was to strengthen both the State and the Confederacy by the purchase of arms for the soldiery and the procuring of machinery for the manufactury of Clothing Iron &c. for the benefit of the Army and the community, through the energies and credit of the State, exercised within their legitimate sphere. I have already given a practical illustration both of the object and efficiency of the State plan by the purchase of eight hundred and sixty stand of Enfield Rifles and the prompt delivery of them to Gen. Magruder for the Army under his command. I have also, as represented to me by my agent, purchased between six and seven hundred stand more of the same kind of arms, which will be disposed of by me in the same way.

I propose employing a very large proportion of the Cotton purchased by the State in the procurement of arms of the best quality and for the same purpose. The procurement of such arms is represented to me as being a necessity by the Commanding Generals of the Department and Districts by the Cotton Bureau and by the community at large. The sole object of the

Execution, and the policy of the State inaugurated by her laws being to strengthen the State and the Confederacy in the fearful struggle through which we are passing, it cannot be supposed that I will persistently and knowingly pursue in a course that will defeat those patriotic and necessary ends. If, therefore, it is a fact that the operations of the plan proposed by me will, as is leading to embarrassment in procuring supplies for the Army, my judgment at once questions the propriety of at once arresting or modifying the plan so that the State may do all she can in harmony with the Confederate Authorities in sustaining the Army and the accomplishment of the objects proposed by her laws. It has been intimated to me tho' not directly represented before the reception of your letter that my plan of procuring Cotton was embarrassing the Confederate authorities in the procurement of supplies for the Army, and I had, in the exercise of my judgement, and through a sincere desire to do good for the Country and not evil, directed the Commissioner, authorized to purchase Cotton for the State, to cease the purchase with Bonds, until the facts could be enquired into, & now say to you, as the representative of Lt.

Genl. Smith, that I am sincerely desirous of having an understanding with him and those acting under him which will be satisfactory and lead to harmony of action between the State and Confederate Authorities and be at the same time consistent with sustaining the Army and protecting the legitimate operations of the State. As far as the State has gone in the purchase of Cotton, I think at last sight that I shall ask that the Contracts under her plans shall be perfectly respected and facilitated by the Confederate Authorities; this I consider as due alike to the citizen and the State. The credit of the State is to some extent involved in it, and to touch her credit can surely do no good to the Army of the Mississippi Department.

In view of these considerations, as already stated, the State plan has been arrested with a view of having a satisfactory accommodation of this whole subject

I beg to assure Genl. Smith, through you, that I have never manifested any other disposition than this from the beginning of my operations. In order to accomplish the objects mentioned in this letter I will stop, voluntarily, for short of accomplishing for the State all proposed by me, it is to the interest of all parties that this matter be fully arranged at once.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt
P. Murrah

Executive Department
Austin, Texas, 1864, April 9.

Lt. Gen'l
E. Kirby Smith &c

Sir

Allow me to
introduce to your acquaintance Hon.
Thomas J. Lawrence, U. S. Judge of the
Western District of Alabama Texas.

It is hardly necessary for
me to say to you who Judge Lawrence
is, as he has recently returned
from Mexico, after successfully
discharging the duties of an
important mission, with which
you Entrusted him.

I respectfully ask for him the
consideration and attention to which
his official position, and his position
in Society, as a citizen, and his
merits as a man, entitle him.

He is entrusted by me with
matters pertaining to the interests of
the State, and to the public, and
will communicate with you freely, as to
the interests, and communicate to you

my views, in reference to these
matters, and also the line of policy
pursued by me in reference to
the State Troops.

You can rely on my best reserve
confidence in him, and I desire
him to represent me in full and
frank Conference with you, with
reference to the matters that will
be Communicated to you by me.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
P. Brannan

Houston Jan 28 1865

Treasury Checking

1096

Bankers Commercial + McDonald

Bro Exchange Draft paid

Office of Supdt. Q. M. Dr.
Mobile Jany 28/65

Colonel

I have yours of 20th inst with your approval of Certificate for $2 J G Reed favor of W Hunter for $1070.50 which I send forward by this mail to Mr Perkins for payment.

I am gratified in being able to state, that the Bank of Commerce Bills on Messrs Baring Bros have been accepted. Say $20,000 - 6. - 6. & Mr Perkin writes under date that he has procured Messrs J Sandomans & Co's indorsement to Draft for $100,000 which he has sent forward to them, to be applied, as Genl Smith has directed. (the purchase of Machinery by Major McBride)

I am also advised, under the same date, that the W. Donald & Bros (£9,160 - 1 - 3 Exchange) used by Mr Perkin in the purchase of Steam in August, has also been accepted.

Mr Perkins informs me that he has already furnished to Maj Dungey's $100,000 for the purchase of supplies.

I am very Augustly
Your obt Servant
W J Hutchins
Lieut Col & A Q M

To
Lt Col T. S. Broadwell
Shreveport
La

Houston Texas 12th 1865

Lt Col W. J. Hutchins.

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Asking to know what Troops
there are given Parole
& Right of Walking.

Ans. —

Yes

Office Provo 2nd N
Houston January 14/65

Colonl

You are aware that a payment
of 500 Bales of Cotton was made to my
Brother in Riggs & walker. in the Spring of
1864. No Vouchers are in my hands for
this payment. which will prove sufficient
in my account,

I respectfully request that
you will inform me if any settlement
has been made with this firm, & if so
what Vouchers you hold.

The Receipt given
me for the 500 Bales I infer will not
be considered as a sufficient voucher.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

W J Hutchins
Lt Col 2nd Nr

To
Lt Col
W T Brodwell
Chf Cott Agent
Shreveport
La

Houston Feby 7th 1865

Lt. Col. W. J. Hutchins.

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Telegram. Relative to settlement with Boulden Riggs & Walker

File

Broadwell

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Shreveport Feby 7 1865

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Houston Feby 7 1865

TO Col Broadwell

Did not major Rhett take
ch this property on his papers
as it came into his possession
if so how can he account to me
& take it up again My return
for the Quarter to which this
Operations are confined how

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT 186

BY TELEGRAPH FROM 186

TO .....

Can I issue a certified account now & take up the property - I have arranged a plan which will occasion no delay in the course of the settlement if Maj Rhett will forward his certified account

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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RECEIVED AT 186

BY TELEGRAPH FROM 186

To .....

at once to one Answer

W J Hutchins

Lt Col &c

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Houston 2nd July 1865

Lt Col J. Mutchins

1065

Ordering Major White to forward
certified accounts & vouchers
with Bonded Warehouse Keeper Walker

Office of Surdy Dr Mag
Staunton Va Feby 2/66

Colonel

Your favor of 27th ult is received
I am under the impression that
Boulden Legg & Walker took Mil Rhett Cert-
ific for about $125,000— I remember to
have seen the accounts here (in duplicate)
I am not positive that they were signed— And
think they were— that Br & Norwood then
I would prefer— for the event
has not been issued— That Maj Rhett make
up the Certified accounts & sign them himself—
The Money payment then will— only require to
be borde on my papers— It will interfere
seriously with my papers for that particular
quarter to find all this property there. Besides
I cannot properly Certify to the Purchase Vouchers
The plan I have suggested will relieve me
from taking up any portion of the property
on my returns.

The Vouchers maybe sent through
me or direct to Mr Perkins—

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
W J Vet Insp
Lieut Col

To Lt. Col W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport

Houston Jany 31st 1865

Lt Col J Hutchins

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Encloses Letter from Wm McPherson
12th 14th & 18th Jany - asks that
instructions be given McPherson
in regard to the claim mentioned

File

Office of Surg 2d Army Corps
Houston Jan 31/65

Colonel

I have the honor to wait on you with Copies of Communications of Mr. W. H. Perkins of 12th 14th & 18th. I respectfully ask your attention especially to the latter of request that you will indicate to Mr. Perkins, the manner you desire him to act in with reference to the Claims to which he makes reference

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W J Hutchins
Lieut & A Surg

To
H C Whitbeck Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

1017

Office of Surveyor Gen'l Mo.
Houston July 3/60

Respectfully refered
to Col Broadwell
Who is requested to give
the necessary instructions
to Mr Perkins

W J Hutchins
Asst Sur Gen'l

#579

Matamoras Jany 18th 1865

Colonel

Permit me to ask of you, or through you of the proper officers of the Government, early attention to the claims on the Rio Grande (Mexican side, Against the the C. S. for Army Supplies purchased in 1863 and to say that it is of the utmost importance that Something be done for liquidating or at least funding them

I presume you have much more complete records of these Claims than I can make after indeed I have no Specific information on the Subject beyond the Claims shown to me from time to time — My impression is that they are much less than most persons would Suppose when I first came out

I would however call your attention especially to the following Claims which are brought pressingly to my notice:

Emile Gauthreaux & Chas Girard	(May R C a/c)	39,049 92
J Bunting	(Capt Lynch a/c)	1425
H E Woodhouse	(Capt Lynch a/c)	5400.
Armandies	See my letter 6 inst	de about 1200
R Boultes	Balance May Russell Voucher	2 55803

The first three I could arrange on favorable terms I have no doubt — in a Sale of Cotton — I wish it understood I am no mans advocate and have no policy to suggest but I must say plainly that Something has to be done or the Government might as well Quit Sending Cotton or other property here

Very Respectfully yr obt Svt
(Sgd) W M Perkins

"True Copy"
J Durkee
Capt & Q M

Hamilton 25th Feby 1865

Genl H. L. Hutchins

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Referring to enclosure with
Boulden Riggs & Walker

File

Office of Ass't Chief of Ord
Staunton Va 27 July 1865

Colonel.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the Copy of a Communication addressed by you on the 5th inst. to Gen'l Smith. With your endorsement of 9th.

As the necessary instructions have gone forward to Mr Perkins directing the payment of this claim, & he has signified his readiness to Comply. It is perhaps unnecessary to add anything more.

I must remark however, that after arranging the terms of Payment & Settlement with Maj B.R.T.W — Numerous demands were made upon the resources of Our offices — First the purchase of a large amt of army Cloth — Next the providing of $100.000 each for Maj Haynes for Machinery. & For Maj Ducat for Mulch. — Each of which in their turn were ordered to take precedence of all other Claims or obligations. Numerous other, Smaller demands have likewise been made & met.

As to the informality of the accounts held by B.R.T.W, I will remark that I am in no way responsible for them — We arranged here the basis of a Settlement of an obligation Created by another Department of the Service — which should have furnished the proper evidences of indebtedness. As I have stated before however, I do not think that any delay will be occasioned,

Respectfully
W J Patchin
Lt Col

Lt Col W. H. Broadwell
Chief Ord
Shenandoah

Hamilton 25th Jan 1870

Col. Wm J. Hutchins.

1042

Returning Wfr Wm Butler & Co
on Woodruff & Co. with protest.

Smith

Office of Purchasing Qr Mr
Houston January 25 1865

Colonl

You will please find herewith enclosed Mr Jno W. Butler & Co's 5 D/D draft on Messrs Woodruff & Co Newyork for $31,599 25/100 Gold Thirty One thousand Five hundred & Ninety nine 25/100 Dollars with protest for non acceptance & payment attached, & the expense of Protest thus $7.00 cts.

I have receipted back to Mr W. Perkins for three drafts & Handyan transportations for your Signature which you are requested to Sign and Return as early as Convenient.

I trust that Major Buckner (as indicated in mine of the 23rd inst) will be able to protect the Govt from loss in this transaction.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W J Hutchins
Lt Colonel &c

To
Lt Col W. S. Broadwell
Ch Cotton Bureau T.M.D
Shreveport
La

Received from Lt Col W J Hutchins agent C.S.
S.A. ($31599 $\frac{25}{100}$) Thirty one thousand five hundred and
ninety nine Dollars and twenty five Cents, specie funds
appertaining to the Quartermasters Department C.S.
for which I am accountable to the Treasurer of the Con=
=federate States

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C.S. for which I am accountable to the Treasurer of
the Confederate States.

Houston Feby 22nd 1865

Col W. D. Hutchins

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Telegram, advising that Mr Perkins
will on Feby 6th shall have com pany
B R & W. in cotton at a fair price or
in money as soon as can be

Paid

Col A Broadnax

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Shreveport La Feb 22 1865

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Galveston Tex Feb 22 1865

TO Lt Col W A Broadnax

Perkins writes sixth February if Boulden Rigg & Walker will present their Claim he can pay it at once in Cotton at a fair price or in money as quick as he can sell the Cotton

Feb 22 8 80

W J Hutchins
Recvr

Houston Jany 12th 1865

Lt Col H. J. Hutchings

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Acknowledging receipt of the letter of Mr Perkins with the endorsement of Col Broadnax and will forward.

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Office of Purchasing Quartermaster
Newbern January 12. 1864

Colonel

Your favor of 31st Dec. is received this morning. With your indorsement on Communication of Mr Perkins of 5th December. I am also in receipt of your endorsement of the 31st December on Mr Perkins letter of 10th Dec. explaining Genl Smiths instructions.

These papers will go forward to Mr Perkins by tomorrows mail.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W J Hutchins
Lieut & A.Q.M.

To
Lieut W. H. Broadwell
A.A.G. Cotton Bureau 2d M. Dept
Alexandria

Houston 30th Dec 1864

Lt Col. W. D. Hutchins

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Enclosing letter of C. D. Hulse Havana Dec 7. '64 advising that the Schr of Butler Mc Woodruff Mc N.Y. are probably for non acceptance.

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Havana Decr 6th 1845

Lt Colonel W. S. Hutchins

&c &c &c

Houston

Colonel

The "Ptarmigan" has been detained until this morning and the New York Mail Steamer is just in, and I regret to inform you that the draft sent me by Mr Perkins from Matamoras on Woodruff & Co N Y for Thirty one Thousand five hundred and ninety Nine $^{25}/_{100}$ dollars, has been protested for non acceptance, and will no doubt be protested for non payment; this adds greatly to my embarassment, and makes it absolutely necessary that you send me Cotton at an early day

I am Colonel

Very respectfully

your obdt Servt

(Sigd) Ch J Helm

Office of Purch'g Dep
Houston Dec 30/64

Colonel

I have the honor to wait on you with
Copy of Letter of Maj Ch J Helm. under
date of Havana Dec 6/64. from which
you will learn that the drafts of Myers
Bro. & Co on Woodward & Co New York
are protested for non acceptance.
You are familiar with this transaction, & believe,
& will know what action is necessary to be taken,

Very Respectfully
Your Obd Servant
W J Hutchins
Lt Colonel & A.D.C.

To
Lt Col W. H. T. Broadwell
A.A.G. Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Houston 17th Dec 64

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W. J. Hutchins

1880

Enclosing printed
Copies of an Indigo Bill
to the Senators, & Reps
from Texas — &
Reports of the Committee
thereon, & the Petitions
referred to Committee.

Bill

Houston Dec 17. 1839

Colonel.

Yours of the 7th is rec'd. I send five copies of the printed address to the Texas Senate & R. in Congress. I had not proposed to distribute them generally - it would probably have been well to have done so. I am glad to know you approve of it. I hope it meets the general approval.

Mr. Perkins has been in trouble with Dr Ogs. & a Mr. P says they gave him notice of an embargo on 400 B/c. till this debt - ($3. ou.) was p'd. I will send copy of Mr P's letter by next mail.

Yr ob svt

H. J. Hutchins

Lt Col Yoakum

Lt Col Brownell.

Secretary.

Barstow 2nd Decr 64

W. J. Whitehurst

To 195 lbs

$2 00/2

Acknowledging the
receipt of Letter &
Invoice

Office Purchasing Q.m.
Houston Dec 2. 1864

Colonel

I have yr letter of 25th
Nov - addressed to me
from Brownsville Texas
giving me
$100.000.-
order from the Secretary
of War
directing me
to issue
to you
& letter from you to me
dated D. C. Ordering the
have gone forward &
I have included the
Brig Duncan. Two of the
to mention

I ask you to
of account
Quartermaster
with
on next
Lt Col Brannin
Brownsville

Mexico

Houston 1st Aug 1845

W. J. Hutchins

No 283

Enclosing letter to Col
Jno Ff. McKinney in
regard to the adjustment
of the Mexican difficulty

a letter from
Sam Fulton
& Settles
for Publication

Houston 19th Augt 1864

Col W A Broadnax

Under my arrangement with Col Hutchins the cotton acquired by me was to be applied first to redeeming the pledges made by Judge Dewees & myself in Mexico upon which there remains yet due to Mr Milmo about (800) Bales cotton I have sent forward according to the Records of the cotton office up to this date 375 Bales consigned to Mr Perkins will you please give him an order to require the cotton sent forward by me for the Govt turned over to Mr Milmo until he is paid.
I will advise Mr Perkins as to please amount due Mr M under our engagement

This cotton is given to Mr Milmo to cover the cash advanced made by him on goods introduced for the Govt Corps of the Lt Wm Pell Due Wm Milmo to be delivered on Rio Grande 600 B
in San Antonio 200 B 50 ft hds have been delivered

Thos F McKinney

Col. McKinney as stated above undertook to procure Cotton for the carrying out of the engagement made

by Quin Ltr Disc for the payment of the balance
due to Helms & Co, Monterey

Respectfully,
R. J. Woodbridge
Lt. Col. & Q. M.

(7)

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Copy

Head Quarters T. E. O.
Houston Jany 25. 1864.

Col. L. T. McKinney
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 21st. I am glad to learn that you have so promptly acceded the disposition of Gen. Smith to proceed to Monterey to settle our difficulty with T. Nelson & Co. I hope you may be speedily successful. No difficulty should exist between Mexico and the U. S.

Whatever engagement you make in the settlement of the debt, this Office will endeavor seasonably to pay. We have now about three thousand bales of Cotton, and are daily receiving more Cotton. The last engagement now to meet that will require about 1000 bales.

Please keep me well advised of any engage = = ment you make so we can foresee to them.

I wrote to Judge Devine on the 21st. which was equally intended for you.

I remain &c &c
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & A

Correct Copy
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col. & A. A.

Houston August 18. 1864.

Lt Col. W. A. Broadwell. Chf of Texas Cotton Bureau
San Antonio

Col.

I beg to hand you copy of my letter of the 25th January last addressed to Col. T. F. McKinney and to solicit a request your kind attention.

Col. McKinney and Judge Dennis, as you are aware successfully and satisfactorily accomplished the object of their mission to Mexico, and I trust you will soon place Cotton at the disposal of Col. McKinney and thus enable him to carry out fully his engagements made in Mexico. You will observe from my Letter to him that the Cotton Office promised to do so, and I hope that promise will be carried out in good faith.

I am, Colonel
Yours very Respectfully
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col. & A. A. G.

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Houston 28th March 1864

W. J. Hutchins
Lt. Col.
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In regards to receiving of 5000 lbs of Cotton from Moore & Bonyston in the Sabine district & Steam boat transportation -

Head Qrs 1st Corps Cav Office
Houston Mch 28 '64

Lt Col H. N. Brownell
Chief Cotton Bureau Dept
Shreveport

Col.

I have up of the 22nd
enclosing Thos Dunaken and
Thos. Pritchard Oaths in Regard
to B. C. in Red River & the lumber
Boat not reported front, at once
but my duty to look after
it.

I will enclose with the
Oaths, in of the Steam Boats
suitable for a trip up Red
River — I know of but one
Boat the Florinda — a very large
and light draft Boat.
Not omitted for the trip —
Mr. C. O Stewart was
here to day — He says the
Boats are to poor. He can
do nothing yet with Cotton.
I hope Jim Smith will
be able to secure the Steamer
in La the Heard at Richmond
Ky — Sorry to hear that Mr
Burns can not be heard
Mr Perkins is here. Will be
to return to La.

Yours —
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col

Mr. Miller & Mrs Smith — have come
to make the request mentioned the
17th and upon time — I explained
to them that at this meeting
it was to be read, to move
meeting —

The Government either burn or cut
two 3 or 4 bows in the Autumn
first two trees upon Queen
Ferry, yes in trees & smaller
trees each — and it is always
very high water Thursday the
Council be done at all — the
the spring is the time when
the water is usually high

Col Brandreth
Pleasant

I will send a pony to-morrow — I promised Gen Slough to show it to him — 16.

Headqrs Signal Corps Office
Houston Mch 26 '03

Colonel

Capt D. D. Chrisman
was ordered by you to report
for duty to this office. He
has arrived & will
make Station Headqrs this
city - to visit the different
local or County Agents to
learn who are doing the
Ranch and Drought and any
Change of rain reports
and Also Take Emergency re
ceipts &c. The Governor
Attends a Mass from the
State Troops to hunt
Cattle Thieves & Horse Stealers from
Texas Panhandle & could
not find one single Bale
of Cotton in the
Country. The Governor
has been detained to
Austin Where Legislature
is Meeting - getting on
this Session - If Husband
Obtained on the same
plan. or had Cotton been
Stored. What I am
now - one White man
for 41 Bales - I could
have Moved a Great
Deal of Cotton to the

Rio Grande —

Mr Wm Parkin is here and I will attend the petition of Augustin Mexia to him — as you say

I have had to write the whole charge upon upon with out much reference to the affair — I have had to shorten long to keep upon the Corporation, & it is but just as it is with you. I approve entirely of your opinion & hope he will have to pay the Costs — I have not time to write more than hurry on my next time —

Respt &c

W J Brannard

I will endeavour to - morrow — I promised Mr Chastek to show it to him — Yr.

Houston 13th Jany 1864

W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col & Chf Q.M.

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In regard to Contracts for the introduction of arms and ordenance Stores.

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office.
Houston January 13th 1864

Lt Col. W A [redacted]
Chief C Office Shreveport

Col

I accept your answer yesterday date in which your two letters dated 8th inst were acknowledged.
It is impossible for this office to pay private bills to contractors for Cotton the fulfillment of which is matter of very doubt owing the Continuous calls made by every Department Engineer & Quarter Master for the transportation of which are now at Hearts Farm for the transportation of Troops to our Coast service vessels are being disputed , besides we are paying for some 700 Stands of arms lately arrived that raise the Blockade - the supply of this office to our Steamboats decreases every shower to Maj - Johnson Engr Dept (since the matter first occurred at this time) the approvers our views and agrees that to meet that requirement would utterly deprive us of means to pay for supplies actually at hand - Cotton at hand was such as we have good reason to believe soon it will be must be paid for promptly -

To the application of our Steamboats for Cotton to be planted we can continue to meet the first installment (in anticipancy the delivery of corn Grains) this office returns this answer - I am Sir
" Respectfully returned with the remark that it is not considered
" proper that this office should pay Cotton on contracts entered at
" Richmond unless specially directed to do so for the reason that it
" must have been understood that payment should be made by
" some officer whose business it was that Cotton should be furnished
" for the purpose were in view of the pressing demands upon this office
" for supplies already delivered to Govt it is not thought proper to pay
" for the arms in advance of delivery . thus decreasing the ability

" of the officers to pay prize claims - Very little Cotton has as yet been
" accumulated by the officers and the great scarcity of Bagging and Rope
" in the State renders the collection of Cotton necessarily slow - Measures
" are being taken to provide enough Cotton to meet all the wants of the
" Govt, - and the officers can promise to pay for the Cotton when
" delivered - provision for other arrangements has been made for pay
" ment through other officers"

You will observe this action was in advance of receipt of your
letter; it was the best thing we could do at that time and is in full believe
it was proper decision -

In connection with this matter it is perhaps proper to state
for please that within the past few days several very large
applications in favor of drug Vessels have been presented to this
office for goods deliveries early in '63 - apparently at very
fair prices - the over payment of these claims is now
working great injury to the credit of the Govt - and awful
though we are called upon to pay such support to these
warrants as will prevent greater damage to the Govts
credit than has been already sustained - parties will
cease to bring in goods very soon - It appears that very little
faith has been kept - even we would ask what kept
Hons Secretary would consider the best appearance of good
faith to pay for goods long since delivered, or to
provide means for Contracts which may never be fulfilled -
We solicit some instructions on this point from
you - there are many goods in Mexican which can
be secured if parties were assured of payment - these
goods were introduced into Mexico for this Govt under
Contracts and we think this consideration should not
be disregarded - persons who have long since delivered their
goods entering into purchases and payments down for them
have complained that such a policy is pursued and

~~will~~ without ~~horse~~ reason

In reply to your enquiry whether we need some of the ~~soldiers~~ of Duncan to ~~be~~ preserve for Cotton to the Border would remark that we want ~~because~~ our present supply is per Convoy a working ~~means~~ our system of getting all the cotton we ~~can~~ can without money - and not ~~praying~~ for its transportation only in a portion of the Cotton ..

Referring to your letter of ~~the~~ "inst" we have temporarily suspended the functions of ~~any~~ Russian as agent at Eagle Pass until some investigation can be had into his alleged complicity in the ~~Matamoros~~ Matamoros ~~affair~~ affair returning may Lee at that point take that matter is adjusted or ~~some~~ one else places in his stead -

This office is unanimously of the opinion that if your services can be dispensed with at ~~the~~ present you can do better work than go to San Antonio and Eagle Pass and personally acquaint yourself with the position of matters there and of the best mode of procedure in securing the interests and honour of the Govt - We ~~consider~~ consider that great care should be taken in the commencement of any hostile retaliatory measures to circumvent the Mexican conspiracy -

We have nothing more to report on the subject of "orders" from Head Quarters of a serious nature the one which appears this morning might appear as but the superior diplomacy of our Mr Dooley has prevented a counter ~~one~~ which really renders it a benefit to his office

Very Respt &c. W J Hutchins
Lt. Col and Chief

Jany 13th 1865

Endorsement

Lt-Col. W. J. Hutchins-
Chief of Cotton Office
at Houston.

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On an application of J. B. Earle
on behalf of the Waco
Manufacturing Co—

File

Lieut Jas. H. Bell
Q. M. Genl
San Antonio

Endorsement on application of J B Earle on behalf of the Waco Manufacturing Co.

Head Quarters Dept Texas
Galveston January 13/64

The within application of Hon J. B. Earle is hereby referred to Hon J C Terrell Agent at San Antonio with the following instructions. The Cotton having been captured and attempted to be exported by the Waco Manuf. Co under the express Authority and encouragement of the Govt - the enterprise being now carried out in good faith, and being one of important public policy, if said Cotton, which was impressed by the military at San Antonio as stated in the accompanying Communication of J. B. Earle Secty of said Co or any part thereof can be traced to have come into the possession of the Cotton office it will be restored to said Co or its proper agent - and is hereby exempted from impressment or interference by any any military officer in this Dept. — If said Cotton has not been received by the Cotton office an, exemption from impressment of an equal number of bales of Cotton belonging to said Co. or which it may acquire within three months from this date is hereby granted. In this latter case Hon Terrell will also investigate the matter of said impressment and report the facts showing what became of said impressed Cotton to enable this office to determine if any further relief is in its power Meantime this office has not adopted any plans to reimburse persons impressments or dispersions of Cotton and is not to be understood as assuming such responsibility

Signed W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & Chf.

Houston Dec 1864

U. S. Butchins
Lt Col & Ch of C.O.

202.

Refering to the order No.
327. Par. 8. in reference
to transportation of
Recruits —

Col.

Houston Cotton Office
Houston January 4th 1865

Sir I lay the Cotton office by your block a order is received by Col Smith. We are not allowed to buy Cotton from Negroes Trades or Speculators or transfer to Consignees Bale of Cotton. The revoking of the 5th clause of order 327. will cause no more injury than all the former orders. I saw the Genl. before the order was issued. I told him to allow no Cotton for privilege of transporting from one plantation to another. The Negro & wagon just while they were on the way to a Depot with a load of Cotton for the Govt. I paid 12 dollars for the use. I understood the Genl again to-day or just before order 327 was issued with the 5th clause out. but He was determined to have a change and this was the plan. Some in Anderson County was to sell Cotton to the Govt. He has to find an agent to

wrote himself to this office - giving
the name of the negro he wishes
to draw the wages to the District
- I go to Capt Andrews - get
an exemption from impressment
from the Labor Bureau. and send
it to Mr J. or the Agent
for him - We sent Mr
Darby and had another for
adopted as described to you
yesterday - I was at work
for the change - would do very
well. (provided the Govt does not
make a new order before it
can be put in operation again
after it) Capt Davis the Time
We are getting up the papers
to send to our agents it is
impossible to say where that
We have no power to exempt
negroes or deserters from impress-
ment - The working of the 4th
clause - is injurious to us - it is not
construed: but the impression
appears to be that there is trouble
between the "Office" & Govt. and
We are "overboard" - Mr Job
White. sold us 50 or more bales
Cotton - delivered part of it

at a Depot as soon as the order
directed them returns the 16 Class
the Men employed to bring the Cotton
back - that not a Man Dare
to Ly by first to learn what it
Mr Light - I am not com-
plaining at any thing the
Genl has - His Operation are
vastly of so much more im-
portance than ours - that we
dont say a word against his acts
- I told the Genl there was 10,000
Negroes more in Texas - He did not
want not require more than
3 or 4 for this winter. 2 or 3 000 -
if the largest Number that the
Cotton use of subsistence - and
was this Road the Engineers have said
dont I owe - This may not com-
plaint - The Genl is a
Friend of the officer - says he
will do duty this Season for
the Equipment and if it not
- I must beg leave to say
a word about the Bluffs and
Cavalry - I told the Genl
if he wished give the permission
to load the Bluffs - We wished
to do it at once - put an light

of the Office on Alter - and also the
to "Dear Ca - ge for Sum - I urged
it on him that we must make
old mischiefs - It ad been
engaged in such matters from
boyhood - And we could make
the large profits - to the Govt.
- but the Devil is out that
House - under the Direction
of Con Sum with 10 - shall
Lead 10 Cr - the Cavalry
if less than $200.000 is made - Some
body will be D is allowed -
- The planters are willing to do
this only. not Sum enough - but charging
with Corn & there is competition - &
we had been left without work - We
could have filled at least half
of your expectation - & that we could
have & then we may with
have made up the Cr - of Mr Davis
Zachary - Butler - and most
of the Jews - all that work
is from Contracts - They Dictate
and They will make an effort
with us - don't say I am - Brady
beat in some Guns and asked me
about $100 for Cast and some articles
to give - I hope They will impress
Them - and Richmond had to

a lot of Lords - That he asked about
$15. per pr. for Cotton at Schedule rates.
- The Times Stirs-over-board - The more
I think the "Office" is a bad concern -
I will send you a list of
all our Officers & Boys. Down.
Battle are in the Office every day -
Darley is so much over
paid that he is here but little - I
have in the Office Mr Nicks - most
of the Time. - Parmentier and
Mrs A. D. Richards are - The
Office work is increasing very
rapidly - As soon as we can
get the old Boys Cured - We
can go along nicely - pro-
vided the Govt - don't
issue an Order. One
more Order. Knocking another
clause out of '327. and we
will close up till we hear
from "Richmond."

This is not a letter - just a little
chit chat - between the Chief at
Washington and his "D.C." as
I will Show it - Yours truly
Ed. W. Broadwell & W. D. Hutchins

25th January 1862

1863

Utah Territory
Dale Chief Cotton Office

Official Business
orders during up the Rio Grande
trade - influence upon the price of
cotton - the policy of the Govt to buy
all baled Cotton - with Confederate
money - Agreement to pay for
Enfield rifles in Cotton - Several
thousand bales wanted for this
purpose - The Clifton. Harriet
Lane - to start for Veracruz
under the manage of Mr Hous-
Capt Dunscomb ordered to report
to this office to investigate
certain charges against -
Maj C Russell Agt. Govt Contracts
& Contractors - The payment of
debts - Goods required - high
prices - Effects arising from this
office to Chuse certain class of
Contracts - Govt Agt - the Govt the
proper person to take care of the
interest of the Govt in Mexico -
Maj Bloomfield - his action -
Will pay B.R. & W. ch Monday
Ferry - Goods to be supplied for
Govts Dept

Head Qrs 1st Cotton Office
Houston Jany 25. 1864

Col.

The order of Gen Smith closing
up the Red River trade will not
affect, into the price of Cotton
for below its present price —

I send it that he will. Enable
to buy for Confederate money. All
the Gold Cotton that we can
buy in Texas. Please get Gen
Smith's order on this early for
the money — I wish you had
a little spare time to come
over and advise with us.

If our Commissioner settle
our difficulties in Mexico. We
shall require large quantities
of Cotton — I have engaged
to pay $45 - each for Enfield
Rifles - in Cotton at Rebel
ports - and may want several
thousand bales for this purpose
the blockade - at Laredo - & Carabo
will probably soon start for
your Coast - under the Manage
ment of this House -

Capt Dudley it has been

ordered to report "temporarily" to this office for the purpose of investigating into certain charges set forth by Major Russell against Capt. D— [illegible] the Acting Inspector of Hay — and directed him to call on Major Lee for specific grounds to pay expenses while on this duty —

I am glad you approve our action in regard to the Gen Contract of Mr Swanton — The [illegible] of Nov. 15/c — at their disposal in Sandusky would be very finally Mr Evans it [illegible] Hamilton — That Q. R. Contract is another affair — We must get rid of — We have [illegible] offered to me now — and to have come in for them and they are not able to pay for them — the prices are very high — to the Gov. refuse them — and on these prices R. R. T. W. — were to charge 50% advance to secure Corn at a very low price — I shall wish it you to [illegible] such Contracts to death — when we can send our own agents

and buy Goods at less than half of present cost.

If the money is placed at our disposal in N.Y. this office will dispose of it as you may direct. Mr Healy will be a proper man to take care of it - next to employing the immediate head of the house - the Dabbs in Mexico should be cared for - I have advised Maj. Blount - Field that I would receive his bottoms when ready to turn them over - His bottom is dated "Greys Ferry" I will buy B. R. Dabbs - at "Greys Ferry" and agree entirely with you about the fright of Dabbs contracts long since & where full value has been paid -

We are not moving a bale of Cotton - Nor - I have but an Thursday Nov 3 - to do it all - I am anxious - Goods to fit out Col Forts Regt - and have now advised that Col Baird's Regt be also clothed - They want every Thing - Hats to shoes - The Goods

Wrapt
Not at low rates - Cotton prd. at 15-9
Specie rate - Phan Cent 2.52 to 3.00
Blankets 5/4 to 6/6 - per pair H.
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Mc Rapp
Mr Butchart.

Lt Col Fraser Provost Marshal
Chief Cor. Bureau
D. J. Gen.

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col Paymaster

Boston 28th Mch 1864.

No 6411 D 33

W. Jo. Hopkins

Lt 12th

[illegible]

In reference to actual & temporary return to this office
Arms & accoutrements for my Co.

[illegible]

Hd Qrs Ft Corcoran
Washington Nov 28th 64

Lt Col H A Brandreth
Chief Cotton Bureau, D.C.M.
Philadelphia

Colonel.

I send by my Orderly Cronin this morning — I expect for the first to go to-day — it is a small affair: but it is the best we could do — with the Steamboat & Mr: Conroy will explain in and forth —

I received your dispatch to-day asking whether I sent you 5 or 6 Guns — I am afraid you misunderstood my answer. I sent five — & gave the No of Guns that I had ordered on the Dutch Bark which we hope to get for, except one the Gunning agreed to keep for me. Most of these Guns, except the Howitzers & Soldiers & 25 pr Parrots & 4 in Front have been taken by Steamboat for Government have been armed with Navy Guns — Some are in the Hands of Privateers on the Rappahannock — I enclose memo from Capt Scott of

Yours under date of the
9th inst. I have made
in order - except paying
Sutton's bill -
to say they will be made
to-day. The Troops are being
called out. I hope every
day for a peaceful solution
Mr Rankin has not
yet accepted the position of
Special Agent. He may do so
The Cattle at Burn's Ferry
I advise to be sent as the
latter delay as possible to
Bacon is not to be had -
Pork is. Bluff on the Nueces
is not more than 45 miles
from Corpus Christi. The
Saturday mail will bring
Lasser and then it needs
no more. Let us
to accomplish much - with
all the Boats we can com-
mand. This is the opinion
of those who know with the
Cabinet Rio to Corpus.
I ask that your
St. Genf matter attention

for the fact - that it could
should be much to support
the arsenal - and other Govmt
works as soon as the
it would at any time
by mob Comds - Where Capt
Gorgas is - or at Mobile
Tuscaloosa - or some other
post in the Govt & Meet Comd
ing - with additional men
who should - save as much as
possible - by dealing with
with me. in view of the
necessity of moving from
San Antonio -

I have yr of the 21st inst today
notice yr remarks about
the Lt Gen wishes about the
Govt Wool - also enclosing
Special order no 71. assigning
Maj R. D. Cabell to duty in
this office - with instructions
to take charge of the Wool in
the hands of Quartr Mr and
to be prepared to move -

I expect to hear from
Maj J B Lee about the price
of Wool in Saltillo before
Maj Cabell reaches Houston

Ruth W J Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief

Houston Sept 19 1865

Brvt W. J. Hutchins

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Enclosing letter for Ed Smith
Requesting that his relations with
the South of past and present
should be defined.

file

Delivered the letter
to Genl Smith enclosed
the Genl Commd
to Brvt Genl W.
Such a letter was
his duty.

Unofficial

Canton March 13, 1862

Colonel. I enclose a letter for Gen Smith which I would like to have you present with my position as Chief of the Quartermaster Department and the duties I am engaged to perform. It is known to you that I came to my present position in the Department in the improvidently of my immediate superiors - requirements. I am not aware that Gen Smith has any knowledge of the duties which I am to perform. I was appointed by the Secretary of War at the request of Gen Scott and Gen Totten. I was also requested by the Secretary of War to accept the position of Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the Ohio. I was also requested by Gen Totten to accept the position of Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the Ohio. I was also requested by Gen Totten to accept the position of Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the Ohio.

usual in managing the affairs of the K.K. in closing up my private business.

My own business has been almost entirely neglected. I set to avoid any appearance of having neglected my duties I will ask you to get from Smith - that in assuming the duties of Chief of the T.C.O I was authorized to attend to any miscarriage or improper action on part of the K K or to any thing usual or customary in closing up my own private business.

Don't be troubled if you do get mill abused - You will yet be appreciated - Your single and great exertions to save Evans will be remembered yet or I am greatly mistaken - All disloyal men abuse you and I come in for a share of the abuse

Truly your friend

W J Hutchins

Col H A Bradwell

Shreveport

I consider that I was created a
Lt Col in the Q mr Dept — with the
T.C.O — and stand abolished with
the office —

W D A

Houston 31st July 1864.

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W. J. Hutchens
Lt Col.

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In regard to the affairs
of the Alton office of Texas
The difficulties with Gen
Munroe &c &c

File

Hd Qrs Dist Western Miss'pi
Vicksburg March 21. 63

Colonel

I have yours of the 20th inclosing copy of your letter to Gen Banks & copy of Mrs J G Pemberton's letter to you for transportation

We never have had a force sufficient to invest Vicksburg for any length of time. The troops for this purpose have been placed at these points for Banks's use. I have endeavored to keep them and secure the river above these points. If you succeed in getting it will be used to these places. I wrote you in regard to your aid to protect the Cotton at Shreveport & in the Bayou Teche that has been in the Camps adjacent to your command &c. but you may not get Port Hudson, Natchez & Vicksburg & consequently lose the cotton. If the Governor is permitted to go on as he is now accumulating Cotton. Outsiders may run the risk to get it out (for a consideration) but little must be

expected of him also - It is said the Governor has now 1800 men stationed from the State Troops to hunt Cotton - The idea appears to be - that any man that may promise to hunt a land of Cotton and be exempt from the Conscript - There is now made Depredations & Insurrection - prevailing by the Agents of this Government for the purpose of effecting this purpose Gov Brown says the Cotton in his State must be Burned - & I candidly think it is the only way - and am not astonished at any

Have talk with Gen Smith about this - Under the Common protection the matter of cotton & the transportation is mixed the Country - There is now made Depredations & Insurrection - prevailing by the Agents of this Government for the purpose of effecting this purpose Gov Brown says the Cotton in his State must be Burned - & I candidly think it is the only way - and am not astonished at any

Maj Brown sends from Austin - urging me to come up - Thinks the difficulties can be settled - I prefer

this fact is made known when the German
arm here - hearing the Gen. was
talk - "He did not wish to in-
force the Con. Off. act (1) - but
decline to act differently from
his adopted plan - that if he
keep arms to enter this Office
I suppose He is now making the
same talk to Maj B - Gen
Richards finds it much easier
on account of inexperience -
He has since recd and is now
no doubt with the maj - trying
to induce the Genl (not) to change
or modify his plans.

I suppose the Gen Rule permit
to Board in Mex. is a compro-
mise - and which the Com. can
permit. -

Yours Respy
W. J. Whittemore
Lt Col &c.

Lt Col Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bur. in
Washington.

Gen Richards was on hand in reading
over this letter in extenso - may
not be called for!

Houston Dec 17th 1864

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Lt Col W. D. Hutchins

Enclosing Returns 4th

Qrs 1863

Purchasing Quartermasters Office
Houston December 17th 1864

Lt Col H. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport, La

Colonel,

I have the honor to send You herewith the following Abstracts, Accounts and Vouchers of the Cotton Office. viz:
For 4th Quarter ending Dec. 31. 1863
Abstract A with 3 Vouchers
" B " 2 "
" D
" Dd with 6 Vouchers
Property Return for Quarter
Account Current "
For 1st Quarter ending March 31st 1864
Abstract A with 44 Vouchers
" B " 42 "
" D " 8 "
" Dd " 178 "
" E " 19 "
" L " 6 "
" M " 108 "
Property Return for Quarter
Account Current "

I send these documents to You as I am not advised whether they appertain to the Quartermaster or to the Treasury Department.

I have been delayed in getting the Quarterly Returns made out - partly in consequence of the change in the Cotton Office, also the great labors attending the varied & extended

a business, as well as the want of necessary office assistants. The 2.d Quarters papers however are nearly Completed, and will go on to You in a few days.

The operations of the Office at the San Antonio Agency are embraced in the Abstract from this point. But having experienced much difficulty in getting further Vouchers from Eagle Pass and Laredo, I have thought it best to make out the Abstract for those Agencies separately, which is now being done, and they will go forward as early as possible.

I apprehend there will be no difficulty in waiving the business of the I. C. O. under my administration. But as You can appreciate the difficulties I have had to contend with, I hope You will make the proper representation in the proper quarter in regard to the delay in sending forward my Quarterly papers, & in Case of any little informality in the Vouchers, which I cannot anticipate.

If You have time, I would request You to look over the Vouchers, and if any require Your endorsement, be pleased to do so.

I am, Colonel,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. J. Hutchins.
Late Clk of Fort Clark. Office.

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San Antonio Texas
March 20th 186[illegible]

Papers relating to

50 Bales of Cotton

purchased of Mr E. W. Huff

*1 to 20.

April 3rd 65

No 1. Cad

Pro Mar office Alleytow Febry 18th 15-

Mr Mitchell - Agt Cott Bureau
San Antonio

Sir

I write you to inform you of what I fear is a fraud intended to be perpetrated on the Govt. A few days since under my orders as Pro Mar at this point it became my duty to examine as I do all details teamsters The papers of one E.J. Hawkins who appears to have until Dec last an unassigned conscript at that time he was assigned to Hobby's Regt, and ordered to report to Gen McKinney who ordered him to come to this point & take & haul to you 350 bales of Cotton that one Stuff was to deliver. He loaded here with 42 Bales of Cotton, and since leaving returned and was here exciting Stuff with getting off other Cotton of the same lot the 42 bales were from having as I learned from a Gentleman come 15 miles west of this - unloaded the Cotton & come back - and I also learned from the same man that he & Stuff both said they were going to take the whole of the Cotton to the Rio Grande. I had him brought into my office, again examined his papers & questioned him, when he said he was going on to San Antonio, but I doubt it & write you that you may look out for him, this Teams are open and if he does not arrive in San Antonio in a reasonable time, I respectfully suggest that it would be well to have him looked after or even before - I saw his Bill of Lading was taken by J.C. Cunningham & Co and the Cotton was to be delivered to you at San Antonio - but Huff being with him the Cotton for all that may be taken to Brownsville, as I learn Huff has funds sufficient &c&c

Pardon me for writing you for although it is not strictly my duty as to do yet on

expressing my suspicions to the C.B. agt here he thought I should do so

I am sir while entirely devoted to my country & an enemy to any who may try to swindle her,

Respy yr obt Servt

(Signed) W. J. Howerton Capt

& D.M.

A true Copy

J. C. Turchell

Agent

#28

Agency Cotton Bureau
San Antonio Texas Feby 20th 1865

Capt A. J. Howerton
Provost Marshall
Alleyton. Texas

Capt.

I have the honor to acknowledge your favr of 13th for last mail & thank you for the interest evinced in protecting our Govmt from fraud. Should I learn that C.S. Quartermaster or Officer Staff. come to this city, it will be my duty and pleasure to look after them. I suspect however that the B/L you saw was only a blind & that they do not intend to come here. Had the cotton been for Govmt acct properly it should have been shipped by our agent Mr Holstein. Please send me a certified Copy of the B/L, which I presume you can get from Messrs Cunningham & P. which will give me a basis or starting point to act from

Very Respy your Obt Svt
(Signed) J. C. Swichell
Agent

a true Copy
J. C. Swichell
Agent

No 3 Q

Q.M.G. Office Albuquerque Feb 22d 48

Wm T. C. Mitchell

Agent Cotton Bureau

San Antonio

Sir: Yours of 20th in reply to my note of 13th inst is to hand - herewith I send you a copy of the P.L. taken by Messrs Cunningham & Co. -

I felt sure from the actions of Neff and Hawkins that there was something wrong, & therefore wrote you in the first instance and now with pleasure forward you the copy of P.L. certified to by myself Messrs C & Co declining to certify -

Holding myself always ready to serve you either individually or as Agt for my Country

I am

Sir Respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Signed W. J. Hoxeyton

Capt & Q.M.

A true Copy

T. C. Mitchell

Agent

No 43 (Copy)

Alleytown Febry 7th 1815

Received in good order from L.C. Cunningham & Co the following articles, marked as per margin, which I promise to deliver in like good order to Maj Mitchell San Antonio for a/c Col L.C. Stuffs he paying 8/4 thereon at the rate of, as per Contract for 100 ½.

In testimony where of I have signed two receipts of this date one of which being compleid with the others to be void-

Marks	Articles	Weight
(42	Forty Bro Sales Cattrd - Received of Shippers (650) advanced) on my Ft (Signed) Eli Hankins	Fifty Dollars

A true Copy of the original Duplicate now in possession of L.C. Cunningham & Co - Alleytown Feb 22d 15.
(Signed) W. S. Howerton - Capt
& P.M.

A true Copy
J.C. Mitchell
Agent

#5

Agency Leatherwood Bureau
San Antonio Febry 27th 1865

Capt H St Howerton
Provost Marshall
Alleytown Texas

Capt

Yours of 22d inst is rec'd enclosing copy of B.L. for 7 h & 2 B/C shipd by Eli Hawkins train, for which I am much obliged. I shall be on the watch for Hawkins or Stuffs, and shortly they come here - will certainly have the matter investigated.

Very Respy
Your obt Servant
(Signed) J.C. Purchell
Agent

A True Copy
J. C. Purchell
Agent

No 6

Agency Cotton Bureau
San Antonio March 10th 1864

Col Thos. J. McKinney
Special Agent Cotton Bureau
Austin Texas

Col

On the 13th ult Capt H. J. Howerton, Forrest Marshall, Alleyton, advised me that Mr A. S. Hawkins had started for this place, with a train loaded with 42 Bales Cotton consigned to this office and that he suspected something wrong, or that some fraud on the Govmt was contemplated. Capt Howerton, at my request sent me a certified copy of the B/L for these 42 B/C.

Yesterday Mr Hawkins arrived here with a train having 50 B/C purporting to have been shipped by you from Alleyton on 7th Feby consigned to Hal Lewis Esq of this place - Mr Hawkins says that at the request of Wm L.C. Stuff, he unloaded the 42 B/C in Caldwell Co, & then loaded on another train these 50 B/C in that Co which he now has here - Hawkins has not complied with his B/L and as there appears to be some mystery about this matter I have rec'd the 50 B/C paid the freight on same and will retain it until the matter is made more clear as to -

(over)

my desire and duty to protect the interest of Govt.

Very Respy Your obt Svt

(Signed) D. C. Swichell

Agent Potto[illegible] Semeca

a True Copy

D. C. Swichell

Agent

No 1037

No 73

Agency Cotton Bureau
San Antonio March 13th 1865

Capt H. J. Stowerton
Provost Marshall
Alleytown Texas

Capt

I had this pleasure on
27th ult to which I refer

On the 11th inst Thos Hankins arrived
here with a mule train, with 50 Bls, and a Bl of same pur-
porting to have been shipd on 7th Febry by Thos D McKinney
Special Agent Cotton Bureau, from Alleytown, consigned to Thos
Hat Lewis at this place Mkd L H.

Hankins says that after he loaded
the 42 Bales, he went back & loaded the other 8 Bales, and that he took
that 50 Bales (42 of which he has signed RR to deliver here) at
the request of Mr L.C. Huff to his (Huff's) Plantation in Caldwell
Co + there unloaded it & turned out his ox train, He then loaded at that
place, the 50 Bales which he brought here. Under these circum-
-stances I have taken possession of this Cotton, for at least an explana-
-tion, & have written Col McKinney at Austin, on the subject
It is very probable that Col McK can give a clear explanation
of the whole matter & show that no fraud was intended -

I write

merely to give you these facts because of the interests manifested by you

With much respect
Your obt Svt
(Signed) J. C. Mitchell
Agent

A true Copy
J. C. Mitchell
Agent

No 8

Special Agency of Cotton Office
Austin March 15th 1865

Maj J. C. Mitchell
Agt Cotton Bureau
San Antonio

Sir: I was informed yesterday, by the return to this place from your city of Col W. Whites Engr, that you had taken possession of 50 Bales Cotton Shipd by this Agency to Col Lewis Engr of San Antonio; which cotton was purchased of L. C. Huff Esq of Caldwell Co, and a Permit for a corresponding quantity in his favor now in my hands for delivery to him -

After expressing my regret, that you should have considered it your duty as a loyal officer to seize this Cotton, I beg to State that so far as this Agency is concerned, it was acting in perfect good faith to the Government and under such circumstances as justified the shipment of the Cotton to Col Lewis - We hold two Permits one for 87 Bales & one for 193 Bales, to cover that amount of Cotton taken possession of by the Govt (the property of private citizens who had delivered their half to the Govt) and appropriated to the settlement of Mexican Claims, and which in the settlements made with Mexican claimants by Judge Devine & Mc McKinney, were to be provided for out of Govt Cotton - Col Hutchins & Capt Wells are both knowing to the facts in this case, and Col McKinney's original instructions from Col Hutchins makes provision for the payment of such claims out of the Cotton acquired by him upon Govt acct - Although the Cotton was shipped to private parties at San Antonio, This Agency would go up at the close to Capt Wells with proper vouchers and clear hands for all the Cotton acquired - I can safely say that we have intended no wrong & I believe have done none and that we

have clear and positive authority for all that we have done.

I trust you will consider this matter favorably to this agency and turn the Cotton over to our Agent as the delay is very damaging to the Planters who are interested, and also because Mr Huff is wishing his Permit, and under the present circumstances I do not feel like giving it to him -

As however he is entitled to his permit for an equal quantity of Cotton whether you or we hold the Cotton I will thank you in case you determine to hold it, to send me the exact weight of the 50 Bales, so that I may endorse it on the Permit

Very Respectfully yours
(Sgd) Jas H Raymond — Sub Agt
for Thos J McKinney — Spl Agt CA

In shipping the Cotton to San Antonio Mr Huff neglected to use the Bills Lading that I furnished to him -

The proper BL would have stated the Cotton to have been on acct of Thos J McKinney Spcl Agt, for acct of and under permit No 1820 for 193 Bales

Yrs. S.H.R. Lee

A true Copy
J. L. Mitchell
Agent

No 93

Agency Cotton Bureau
San Antonio Tex 17th 1865

Capt C. G. Wells
Agent Cotton Bureau
Stoneford Texas.

Capt

The object of this is to elicit information in regard to 511 B/C sold the Govmt by Mr L.C. Stuffs for which you exchanged a like quantity, by your certificate No 1236 Jany 17th 65, in this connection I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers viz copies-

1st My letter of 10th inst to Col Thos J McKinney - Austin

2nd his letter of 15th inst to me, (not in reply to mine, as that had not reached him)-

Certificate of Exemption by Major L Hart A.A.G. for Capt Jno C Ransom A.Q.M. for 193 Bales Cotton in favr of Thos J McKinney

Mr Huff in an interview yesterday, tells me that the 511 Bales alluded to as recd by me are the identical 511 B/L which he turned over - they were shipd by Thos J McKinney Special Agent of the Cotton Bureau & are consigned to Nathaniel Lewis Esqr, for acct said McKinney at San Antonio - as Pr original B/L which I recd with the Cotton) - a Mr Whites, as Agent of Col McKinney

claims this Cotton, as having been turned over to Col M'C[illegible] against (in part) the 193 Bales taken by Govt from private Citizens &c - I must confess that my mind is not clear enough to comprehend this matter, If private citizens sold or if the Govt took from them 193 Bls - those citizens must have rec'd pay for same (or a certificate) & an exemption for a like quantity, else why was the exemption granted - If so the purchase was like others made by the Cotton Bureau, and why has the private party the right in this instance, to have his cotton returned to him -

If it is (the 50 Bls) Govt Cotton - why should it be consigned to a private party - if it is private Cotton why should it be shipped by a Govt Agent, with a detail from the service as Wagon master?

Perhaps Mr Thos B Lee, former Agent at Eagle Pass can give you some information as to the 193 Bales exempted, "by reason of having furnished a like amount to the Govt of the Confederate States at this place".

My duty here is to protect the interest of Govt & I have no desire, wish, or intention, to do anything which will tend to the injury of parties acting in good faith with the Govt or Cotton Bureau - but in this case under all the circumstances I have thot proper to detain these 50 Bales until I am more enlightened

If these 50

Bales are the property of Col H. Vickney Will be my pleasure to deliver them, on having the Frt money &c re-
=funded

Very Resp

Your obt Svt

(Signd) T. C. Trichell

Agent

a Fair Copy

T. C. Trichell

Agent

Exemption from Impressment

Quarter Master's Office
Houston Texas May 17th 1865.

No. 1236

In consideration of the sale and delivery to the Confederate States Government, by L. C. Stuff of Fifty 50 Bales Cotton, weighing 17.500 pounds, upon the Terms proposed by the Cotton Bureau, Department, Trans Mississippi, exemption against impressment, by any Officer of the Government, for a like quantity and quality of Cotton is hereby granted to said L. C. Stuff or assigns

Marks	Bales	Pounds.	
C			
H			
A B	50	17500	
S			
K			

C. G. Wells
Capt & a.q.m.

A True Copy.
J. C. Mitchell.
Agent

No 118

Office Assistant Quarter Master
San Antonio Texas January 12th 1865

I John L Rawson Assistant Quarter Master of the Provisional army of the Confederate States do hereby certify that Thos D H Kinney of Austin Texas is entitled to export from the State of Texas via the port of Eagle Pass Texas —

(198) One hundred and Ninety three Bales Cotton weighing (108689 lbs) One hundred and three Thousand Six hundred & Eighty nine pounds - by reason of having furnished a like amount to the Govmt of the Confederate States at this place

(Signed) J Hart
Major and Quarter Master
For John L Rawson
Capt & A. Q. M.

A True Copy
J. C. Turnbull
Agent

No 123

Agency Cotton Bureau C.S.A.
San Antonio March 18th 1865

J. H. Raymond Esqr
Sub Agent Cotton Office
Austin Texas

Dear Sir

Your favr of 15th inst is rec'd relating to 50 B.C. sold to Cook, by Mr L.C. Stuff and not at this Agency, the exact weight of this is (17615-lbs) Seventeen Thousand six hundred and fifteen Pounds.

I wrote Col McKinney on 10th inst on this subject & have since written Capt Wells A.G.O in reference to it. I prefer to hear from Capt W. before taking further action in the matter

Very resp
Your Obt Svt
(Signed) J.C. Mitchell
Agent

A True Copy
J.C. Mitchell
Agent

No 13

Special Agency of Cotton affairs
Austin March 17th 1865

Maj J. L. Michell
Agt Cotton Bureau
San Antonio-

Sir:

Yours of 10th inst came to hand by last mail when I wrote you on the 15th inst, I had no knowledge of what might be considered as suspicious in connection with the shipments of Cotton from Alleytown on Navidad teams - unloading the 42 Bales in Caldwell Co & Thus loading other 50 Bales - Had Mr Huff followed my instructions in regard to Bills Lading & shipments there would be no necessity for an explanation.

When I contracted with Mr Huff for the 50 Bales Cotton in your hands, it was understood between us that it was a fair article well put up but in extremely light Bales not averaging over 350 ℔ - I was to take the cotton and obtain him a permit for a like quantity - and during the time employed in getting the permit he was to take the teams to Alleytown and haul to his place some 40 Bales he had at that point, but before he could go on with his private Cotton he was to haul the 50 Bales Govmt Cotton to San Antonio; when I was to endorse the weights upon the permit for him to export an equal weight and no more - I was unwilling to give him his permit for 50 Bales, as the 50 Bales were light that the Govt was to have, until the weight was ascertained -

I chose to take the whole of the Cotton in Caldwell Co, in preference to dividing it and taking half of that at Alleytown on account of the advantage in distance and thereby saving freight.

If the B/L for the 50 Bales purports to be from Alleytown in place of Plum Creek Caldwell Co, it is a trick of Mr Huffs by which he was attempting to make the Govt pay freight on his Cotton from Alleytown to Caldwell Co - just what I desired

to avoid in agreeing to take the 87 Bales in Caldwell Co.

The Govt was not pay freight upon the Cotton only from Caldwell Co, and I shall not send him his Commission until this matter is settled.

I hope you will allow the Cotton to go into the hands of Mr Lewis, as we are authorized to apply 193 & 37 Bales as stated in my last, and as much of 153 Bales for which we have permits, as we have furnished Bag & Rope for - only 34 Bales of which have we as yet in hand

Yours Truly & Respy

(signed) Jas H Raymond - Spl Agt
for Thos J McKinney - Spl Agt C.O

A True Copy
J. C. Turnbull
Agent

Aug 1937

No 15

Special Agency of Cotton Office
Austin January 18th 65

Lt Hawkins
Plum Creek P.O

Sir

You will proceed with your teams to Alleyton in company with L.C. Stuffs train and assist in handling the Fifty Bales of Cotton at that place to San Antonio - You will then return to Caldwell Co and load for the Rio Grande, out of the Fifty Bales furnished to L.C. Stuff of that County

Yours Respy - Dr Thos L McKinney
Special agent Cotton Bureau
(Sigd) Sam H Raymond

True Copy
J. C. Turnbull
Agent

No 1 to 3

. Alatorr Texas Febry 7th 1868.

Received in good order and well condition from Thos G
M. Feirney Special agent of the Cotton Bureau, in a train
of 6 Mules wagons, under my charge and direction, the following
named packages of Public Property, which I promised to
deliver in like good order and condition, unavoidable accidents
excepted, unto Nathaniel Lewis Esqr for acct of said
M. Feirney at San Antonio, at the Govt Price for
freight on mule teams in specie

Packages	No	Marks	Contents	Weight
Fifty Bales of Cotton		I H		

Signed Eli. S. Hankins

A true copy
J. G. Turchill
Agent

No 16 3

Agency Cotton Bureau
San Antonio March 20th 1865.

Capt C. L. Hill A.Q.M.
Agent Cotton Bureau
Houston Texas

Capt — Confirming my respects of 17th inst & in connection with the matter referred to I now have the honor to transmit herewith copy of Col McKinney's Letter (thro Mr Raymond) of 17th inst in reply to mine of 10th inst. Also copy of Col McKinney's (thro Mr Raymond) instruction to Eli Hankins dated Austin January 18th 65, the original of which Mr Hankins had, when he was hired & from which this copy was taken.

I have no desire to discuss this matter but only to get at the facts & do justice to all parties.

The fact of the purchase of 50 bales, for Govt agent from Mr Huff & that the identical cotton is now here in the Govt Yard, is clear, whether it was to be used at Alleytown or Plum Creek is a matter of minor importance & whether Hankins was to transport Govt or Private Cotton first is not an essential point.

The main facts on which I would like to be informed are these — Of the 511 Bales Govt Cotton purchased by

you from the Bluff now belong to a Private Citizen - when and how did they become the property of said Private Citizen - and at what consideration? By what Officer was the sale or transfer made by what order or instructions, had a "Special Agent" of the Cotton Bureau the right to ship it in his official capacity and to employ a detailed wagon master to transport it.

I trust Capt that you will not think I am transcending my duties in my desire to obtain this information before delivering the 37th D.C for I conceive taking a view of the incidents & facts from the first intimation I had from the Provost Marshall at Alleytown to the present time - I am fully justified in the course I have taken

With much respect

Your Very Obt Svt

(Signed) J.C. Brichell

Agent

A true Copy

J. C. Brichell

Agent

No 176

Cotton Bureau Dept Ins Affs
Houston March 28th 1866

J. L. Mitchell Esqr - Agt
San Antonio

Sir

I have your favr of 17th inst & note what you say about the 50 Bales Stuff Cotton - I have read the enclosures carefully, but they do not throw light enough upon the case to enable me to say anything about it. So far as I can see the Cotton seems to be private property, but the fact of its being transported by Rebel Teamsters gives it color of Govt Property, and warrants you in asking further information from Col McKinney before you release it - Please apply to him for more particulars until you satisfy yourself as to what your course should be

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
(signed) C. F. Wells
Asst & C

A true Copy
J. L. Mitchell
Agent

No 183

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston March 24th 1865

D. C. Inchell Esqr - Agt
San Antonio

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th inst containing further particulars about the Huff cotton. I must again say that you seem to have good cause for holding the cotton - as it is not at all clear, yet that Mr Huff has any claim upon the cotton - & if he has, he has not acted in such perfect good faith as would warrant you in releasing it to him. I would suggest that you require from Col McKinney a personal guarantee that the cotton will go to the benefit of the Govt. before you release it - I issued my exemption upon Col McKinney's certificate that he had rec'd 50 Bales for Govt from Mr Huff - Of course I had no personal knowledge of the fact - but rely upon as I do upon the regular reports of the Office His Agency is materially different from the others - was created by Col Hutchins for special purposes & is only acting now because confirmed by Col Broadwell - I look to Col McKinney to account for all he has done and expect to make supplemental papers for his transactions - Since no guarantee in any case might be received as a certificate of its correctness

Very Respy - Yr obt Svt
signed - C. P. Wells
Capt & C

True Copy
J. C. Inchell
Agent

No 193

Agency Cotton Bureau Department Texas
San Antonio April 3d 1865

Capt E. G. Wells A A A G
Agent Cotton Bureau
Houston Texas

Capt

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 29th & 24th ult. In relation to the 80 Bales Cotton purchased of Mr L. O. Stuff.

Mr Stuff does not pretend to have any claim on this Cotton, and I discover nothing in the papers that indicate it. Col McKinney is the party that claims it which appears clear from his letters of 15th & 17th of March copies of which were furnished you

As my mind is not clear as to who is the rightfull owner of this Cotton I have concluded to ship it to Matamoros - to Wm M Perkins Agent Cotton Bureau and request him to act to the proper parties after this matter is more fully investigated and after he receives instructions more definite than can now be given

In the mean time I have concluded to refer the matter to Lieut Col Broadwell A A G - with copies of all the papers and correspondence relating to it and ask for instructions

Very Respy Your obt Svt
Sign'd J C Mitchell
Agent

True Copy
J. C. Mitchell
Agent

No 20 ½

Agency Cotton Bureau T. M. A.
San Antonio April 20 1865

Col Thos J McKinney
Special Agent Cotton Bureau
Austin Texas

Col

I have the honor to advise the receipt of two letters bearing date of 23d and 24th inst from Capt C. C. Wells A Q M Agent Cotton Bureau Houston in relation to the 50 B/C purchased of Mr L. C. Huff - these letters - do not indicate who is the real owner of the Cotton.

Without further correspondence I have concluded to ship this Cotton to Mr W. H. Perkins Agent Cotton Bureau Matamoras - requesting him to keep it separate & distinct from other lots Cotton & account to the rightful owner when he has such instructions to that effect - I have also deemed it advisable to refer the whole matter to Lieut Col W. A Broadwell Asst Cotton Bureau T. M. D Shreveport with copies of all the papers and correspondence and ask for his instructions

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
T. C. Michell
Agent

Copy
T. C. Michell
Agent

Agency Cattaraugus
Alden 1838 Feb 15
W. I. Hutchins
(89)
Esqr
Sir
Having ordered that my
Brother Cullen Walbridge
Expenditures for expediting Cattle
Belts Collars Bells &c
to Alden to approve
Orders & to procure &c. &c
amounted from Hundreds to
Four Dollars

Head Qrs Trs. Cotton Office
Houston Mch 18/1864

Colonel

D. N. Harding of B. R
P.M. left this morning for Browns
port - I talked with him fully
about their matters - and to
him the high appreciation for
for their course by Lt Gen Smith
and his sense that they should
be paid - at the same time
that it was impossible for
the Office to pay the Govt -
Bale Cotton. They claim as
ours Three - that the Gov-
ernor operation had entirely
destroyed our ability to acquire
Cotton in large Quantities. I
told him that I had Gen.
Smith's order to turn over to
them out of Cotton to be
received from La - as many
Bales as I received from Major
Blanchard - and that
I had since received a letter
from Gen Smith to give them
the Cotton from other sources -
I urged it on him to settle
with Gen - that we had

Cotton to do it - I have now
shipped of about 285 Bales of
May Bloomers Cotton - at
this front - about 250 at
San Antonio - to clothe & fit
out the expedition to Rio Grande
under Ford - and something
over 2000 by May Lee - at
Eagle Pass - for Bennevides
& the troops in all about
750 Bales - I have about
[illegible] yet - most of
it must be cut of order the
[illegible] have to be rebaled
[illegible] of the Cotton is so
[illegible] that it is handled with
[illegible] -

I am trying to put
the 1000 Bales at Galveston and
[illegible] at Texas Plains - for
Banks's Marine Co. - the 1000
Cattle for at Magnolia - I
must ask you to provide - I
think it very important to
protect these certificates of
Majorities. - I shall Col B. if this Contract is
revoked - and now let us [illegible]
and settle with them - I will
do my share in will as I can
Col Brownsville. Yours Truly W J Hutchins
Comptroller

Hdqrs Quarter Mas Cotton Office
Houston March 18. 1864

Lt Col
W. H. Broadwell
Cy Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

Sir I am in receipt of
Your favor of 15th inst Covering - Par XII & XVII
of Special Order No 60 which shall have my
attention & Co. Note that all purchases now are
to be made through this Office.

Mr Baulding called on
this today with
which I declined to approve, not being aware of
conditions upon which it was based. And as it
emanates from Dept. Headquarters I refer
him to do so. In case action, He will go tomorrow
to Shreveport and I can ascertain what if any action, As the acquisition privilege Constitutes an entire
Capital matter, which to Control Cotton, We Must guard
it with Care. The Cargo sent which passes out of
from the rate of 50% delivery. Occasions some apprehension that. But little will be left after these and
the State offices have been supplied subject to the
operations of our plan.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W J Hutchins
Lt Col & Cy

Mr Ballinger will furnish you a copy
of his letter to Maj Bryan indicating a plan
as to how the State & Conf Authorities Can
operate together for the procurement of Cotton
Maj Bryan will show this letter to the Governor

Boston 26th Apl 1864

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W. J. Hytchins
Lt 606

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Referring to artillery offered for sale by Messrs Mitchell & Walker — Giving information obtained in regard to this transaction.

Texas Cotton Office
Houston April 26/64

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
Colonel

You will please inform me whether the 2 pieces of artillery with this ammunition were embraced in your Contract with Mitchell & Walker. My recollection is that these guns were the inducement to make the Contract with them. I am in receipt of information of a positive character to the effect that these guns were never offered for Sale, & that Mssr Mitchell & Walker had no right or authority to offer them to the Government. These pieces belonged to Gov. Vidaurri who is now with Col Benavides at Laredo., the Govnor. made an effort to get them to this Side of the river, with a view of placing them in the hands of Col Benavides, for his use in the C S Service, until such time as he could return to Mexico & regain them again, Unfortunately he was forced to abandon them and they have fallen into the hands of Juarez.
If the acquirement of these pieces was the inducement for your Closing with Mitchell & Walker. The Contract should be Cancelled. although I have already paid 100 B/C on the Claim. Since learning the facts from Gov Vidaurri through Col Benavides I am at a loss to know. how Mr Walker Conceived that he was authorized to dispose of them. as the Gov Agents "he would not have parted with them by Sale under any Consideration".

Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. J. Hutchins
Capt

(86)

Hqrtrs Dept 1040
March 14th 1864

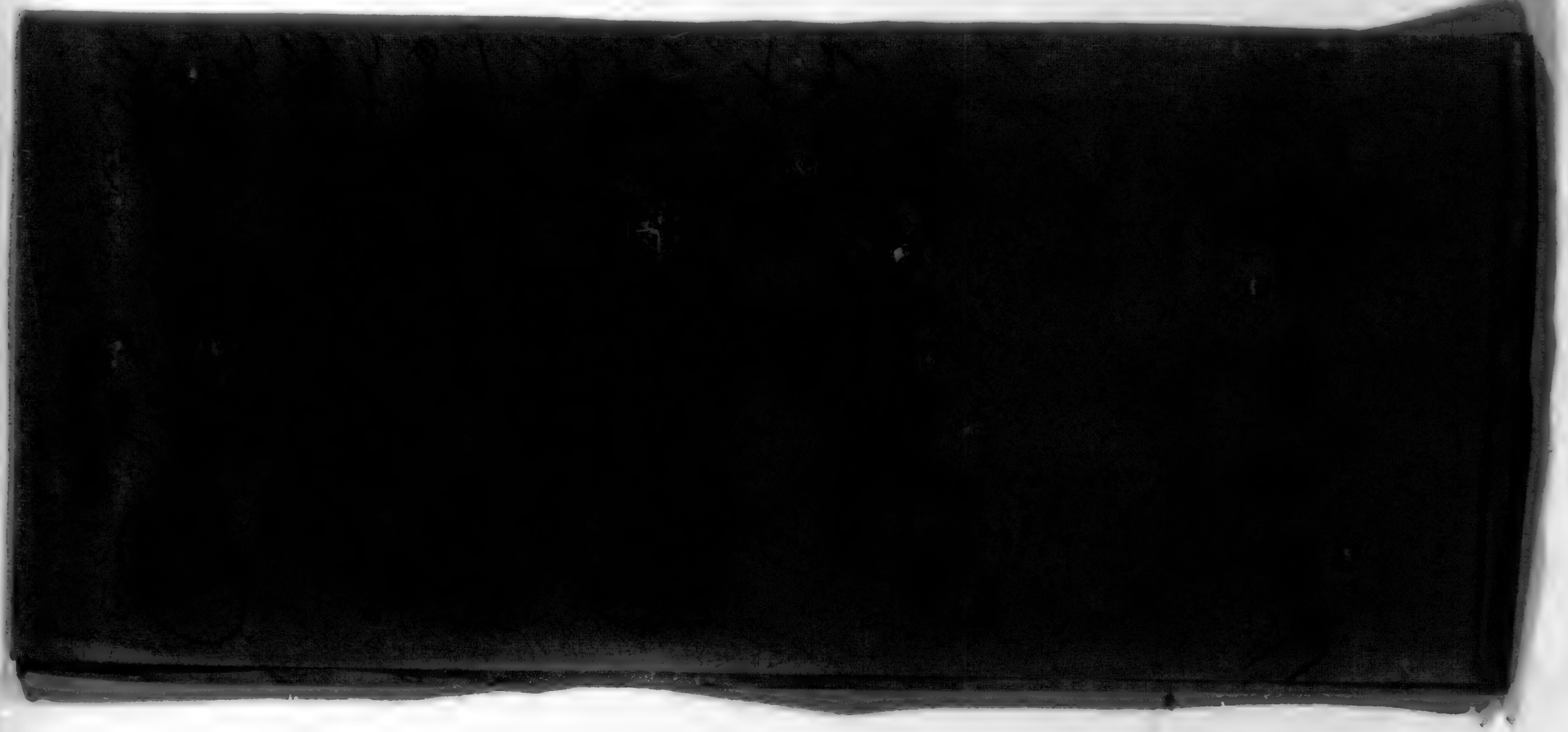
Lt Col W. S. Hatch
Chief Dept Cotton Agent

Asking information as to the
Grants and Settlements of Robbins
Ruffin & Walker & proposing
entering at once which must be
answered to please him as soon
as possible that he may
properly adjudicate that claim

Cotton Bureau
Shreveport 23 March 1864

Respy refers to maj
Wm. H. Hatch, with the
request that he will
communicate such portion
of the information asked
for, in the letter as he
may be in possession of

W. T. Brodnax
Lt Col.



(C.S.)

Head Quarters Trans Cotton Office
Clinton March 14. 1864

Lt Col W. H. Sparrow
A.A.G. Dept of Miss
Shreveport La

Sir

The papers relative to the Paul Hyams & Nigger Walker Contract have my attention, as also upon paper of 7th inst Covering Same. It appears to me however that it will be impracticable to arrive at any Conclusion with respect to the Amount of Cotton due them until I am placed in possession of the following items, viz

1st The quantity of Stamps issued and where,

2nd The Amount delivered by them, when delivered and where,

3rd Whether any payments have been made to them in Cotton — when and where, — and its classification.

The Contract Calls for Cotton of October 14th 1863. to Gen'l Magruder requires a delivery of 2,262,027 lbs Middling Fair Cotton)

With this data I can arrive at a satisfactory Conclusion of the Matter, I trust.

I Remain
Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W J Hutchins
Lieut Colonel & Chief

Cotton Office 1041
Houston. 27th Jany 1864
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W. J. Hutchins Lt Col
& Chief Cotton office—

Capt Leeds at Houston asking that Cotton may be given him on account of Baldwin Riggs & Walker claims to be their agent— refuses to assume the whole responsibility—

File

Head Quarters Cotton Office
Houston Jany 27 1864

Lt Col. N. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau. Trans
Mex

I have yours of 22nd in
which you advise me that
Mr. R. G. Walker of B. R. & W
Co. in the employ to Houston
Capt Lesley has been here a
month ago asking that
Cotton be given to them in part
of R. R. & W. — The Director being
their agent to that particular
line in Texas & right to have
to ship the Cotton — I did
not. I answered him — I took
the whole business in my own hands
about the Cotton — I did
not mention you or Bell
Smith. In leaving any thing
to be written to — I told them
it would be unjust to provide
transportation for Cotton & refuse
for Goods in advance of de-
livery when so large an
amt was due for Govt
hiring Cotton — Our

Mr Mc Sitting Mem[illegible] - that
had a claim for Negroes de-
tained 10 months since - I
told Capt Long that I knew
Gen Smith would not ask
me to pay the Rent - (if he knew
the circumstances) in advance
of the delivery of Cotton -

I have offered to rent
about $100 000 - worth of Cotton
said to have been brought
B. R. & W. at Eagle Pass - a
portion of which they were oppos-
ed at Brownsville - I
think 500 Bales - I am
told that Cotton at 6¢ lb
has much advanced in the
Matamoras

$100,000 - 1/3 in Cotton at 16 ¢ = $1000 Bale
150 Bales

$ 1000
Say 150 Bales

If that wrong please note and
let me know. We must get clear
of these Contracts as they will
destroy us.

Yours truly
W J Hutchins
Lt Col & Chief

Houston 11th Jany 1864.

W. J. Hutchins

Lt Col & Dpt C. O.

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Relating to the affairs of Mr. Hansen in reply to the inquiry of Stephen D Yancy

A.A.Genl

(Copy)

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston Jany 11/64

Sir

Late on Saturday evening I had the honor to receive your communication of the 9th inst informing me that you are instructed by Maj Gen Magruder to advise of the Cotton board to state in writing whether or not they will grant Van Horne their Cotton in payment for the Arms Ammunition &c brought in by the Schooners Hyer and Ann Gibbons in accordance with the Contract made with E.A. Burke as Govt Agt sent out by the Dep. Gen. Comdg T. Havana for the purpose of procuring Arms and Ammunition.

The Contract made in Havana by Van Burke with Messrs Vignie Roberts & Hyer states that the Arms and powder are to be paid for at $1.35 cts for each rifle and 75¢ for each pound of powder - in Cotton at its market value in gold delivered at the port nearest to which the vessels may be at Anchor.

This office has offered to make the payment to Van Horne in Cotton in strict accordance with the terms of the above contract and now stands ready to do so, at the very earliest moment it can make the delivery.

The above Contract made in Havana by Van Burke with an invoice of the articles delivered under it to the Govt and also an order from the Maj Gen. Commanding dated Dec 29/63 directing this office to deliver Cotton to Van Horne in payment for the same at four (4) cents per pound, was shown to us a few

days after the date of said order by Gov Stone, but after some conversation the papers were withdrawn by him pending our endeavour to find action. The unanimous views of the members of the office were however expressed orally to Gov Stone against delivering cotton to him at 4 cents per pound. The Specie value of Cotton in this market, covered by our exemption, is an average of (12½) Twelve & one half cents per pound. We have delivered cotton to other parties bringing specie, percussion caps and Govt supplies at this latter rate and expect to continue similar deliveries. The Order of the Maj Gen Commanding of the 21st Dist is in no wise a part of the contract made by Gov Stone Gov Stone knows perfectly well of the purposes and authority of the Cotton office. We regard the order as procured under a misconception of facts and also as stated by Gen Magruder to members of the office under a misapprehension of the orders establishing the office owing to his far more important and engrossing occupations in the field in front of the enemy.

If Gov Stone will meet us in good faith it will give us sincere pleasure to adjust with him on liberal terms but we would be unjust both to our positions to withhold saying that we would regard the delivery of cotton at 4 ℔ per pound to Gov Stone by this office under Compulsion from the Major Gen Commanding as a most unfortunate and injurious precedent & destructive of our public usefulness.

I conceive it my duty in this connexion to repeat to the Commanding Genl that the Cotton office was accepted by the persons composing it only upon the assured belief that it was the deliberate judgment and desire of both the Department & District Commanders as the result of much experience and

experiment that the office should have the right of approval or disapproval of all contracts made in this District based on Cotton especially in fixing the price of the Cotton

The office in accordance with the orders given to Cotton by both Commanders understands that it possess the rightful discretion and is its faithful duty to decide with Mr Stone upon the price of the Cotton to be delivered him by the office

We repeat our readiness to carry out the contract made in Havana by Mr Stone, but if it be your pleasure not to refer alone to the Contract but also to the order of Magruder of Dec 24/63 and to require our answer in writing whether Cotton will be delivered to Mr Stone at (4) four cents per pound more definitely than this Answer showing our views of the evil effects of so delivering it, then I conceive it to be my duty to require most respectfully whether the Maj Genl Commanding recognizes the rightful authority of the Cotton office to a voice in regard to said order or considers that I as the head of the office am merely a subordinate military officer to him, bound to obey his order in matters of this kind and that any failure to deliver the Cotton to Mr Stone at four cents per pound will involve a breach of military obligations

This office has most ardently desired to promote the public service but not distract it. The anomalous position in which I am placed renders information on this subject necessary to my action and it is most respectfully solicited.

I deem it proper to add that in order that in order that no delay might occur in sending out vessels to procure arms this office has offered to Mr Stone, Robt Mills and others, known

and responsible persons to furnish them with Govt Cotton in advance to load their vessels if they desire it and hold out offers of their own, upon their verbal agreement to bring back arms proposing also to settle for the arms upon the most liberal terms.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Lt Col & Chief

Stephen D Lyman
Treasurer

An official Copy
W J Whittemore
Lt Col & Chf

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Tyler. Texas 29th Dec 1863
J. M. D'Saracks.
Rec'd. 3rd Jany 1864

Stating information as to the action taken by the Texas Legislature on his proposition relative to turning over one thousand bales of Cotton, & requesting the instructions of the Government in the premises.

1st Endorsement
Shreveport 3rd Jany 1864
Respectfully forwarded to Lt Col W. A. Broadwell, Chief of Bureau, with the request, that he will communicate his decision in regard to the Communication on the subject. forwarded this 21st day Jan 1864
I am directed by Maj Genl Smith to state for my guidance & authority to refer Cotton under authority he has dated
W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col

Tyler Smith Co. Dec 29/63

Col.

I hope in hopes of this I have
rec'd a Communication from Houston.
Regarding to the Arriving of Mails, &c to you.
& Also relative placing Cotton at the
Depots Designated. It would also like
to know the Prospects of Cotton
Sales being Kept open. & also
Should Cotton be shipped under
there Present Rules & Regulations —
there is great Need of Bagging
& Rope — Can that be furnished.
by the Cotton Bureau — Tell Dr Black
Bruce. Send here Yr first good
opportunity to Bruce —

Yours Truly
Lyndon Baldwin

Col Baldwin
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

As Major S. L. James is vouched for as worthy of trust and is Engaged in the laudable purpose of endeavoring by the Export of Cotton to obtain supplies for Important Rail Roads, it is specially ordered that no Impediments be interposed by Commanders of Military Companies or posts in the prosecution of his plan. He will of course pay all duties prescribed by Law on the Export of his Cotton

Signed. J. A. Seddon.
Secty of War

Military Commanders in the Department of Texas will offer no Interruption to the Lawful Exportation of Cotton by Major S. L. James from the Dept of Texas, he complying with the requirements of the Dept in such Exportation—

signed. E Kirby Smith
Lt Gen'l Comd'g—

The above is a true Copy of the original this day exhibited to me—
Attest 31st August 1863
& the Seal of the Confederate States District Court Eastern District of Texas at Tyler.
Jno Fowler Clerk of said Court

Shreveport La 21st Jan 1863.

I propose to accept the proposition of Col Broadwell herewith ... & turn over to the Govmt one thousand bales of the average quality of the Texas & Texas Cotton all of which are in good order ... & the average quality of Texas Cottons, viz Low middling & generally Good middling. I request that Col Hesterman will approve the arrangement as proposed ... & forward to Col Broadwell an exemption against the investment of 65 Bales of the Cotton now en route for Engle: Bafs. & a supplemental exemption of 917 Bales.

I will turn over the 1000 Bales at the points designated and purchase 200 Bales additional in such manner as will not conflict with the Texas Cotton offers

E M Kearsley
Agt for
J L Davis
& M Davis.

Headq Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La 24th Jany 1863

This Bureau is incorrectly informed as to any agreements of Messrs Davis & Mr Lamy and this Bureau is unaffected in the publication of Genl Magruder issued at the instance of the Dist Att Comdr and Comm Bissell & may be to protect any rights which may have been acquired under the proposals exhibited, signed by J P Benjamin Secty of State and approved by Jas A Seddon Secty of War, It became important now to settle up all these matters so as to ascertain the rights which only upon the workings of the Bureau and that all those who shall Cotton from the District of Texas should conform to the rules adopted by the Texas office - If therefore Mr Isaacs will turn over (1000) One thousand bales at the points designated, of the average quality of his Cotton, he will receive a Certificate for its Specie Value in payment and also an exemption against the shipment of a like quantity so that it can be exported when he pleases - provided such an arrangement is not objectionable to the Chief Quarter Master to whom the proposition will be submitted for his approval with the recommendation that it be accepted.

(Signed) P A Bissell
Lt Col & Chief
of Cotton Bureau

Head Quarters Tax Cotton Office
Houston Dec 23 1863

The inspection & appraisement made by Lt Col H A Broadwell, and accepted by Com Isaacs agent of I B Jones and R M Davis is approved and respectfully referred to Lt Col H A Broadwell to receive the cotton on account of this office and send it forward to F. B. Twitchell agent of this Office at San Antonio, and to grant the exemptions from Impressment for like quantity and quality. The certificates of value for the cotton required will be issued from this office on the report of Lt Col H. A. Broadwell.

(Signed) W. J. Hutchings
Lt Col and Chief of
Texas Cotton Office

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Ent. 31 82

Tyler Texas 21st Dec 1863

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell.

Chief of Cotton Bureau.

Lieutenant.

As you are aware Major Lewis & Col R. M. Davis arrived this city last Sept for the purpose of exporting from this and sufficient Cotton to stock the Rail Roads East of the Miss. The arrangement was encouraged by the Govmt. favorably endorsed by the Secy of War & afterwards named the appointment of Lt Col Broadwell. both owing to the great difficulty of transportation & locality in which this gentleman bought Cotton. both Lt Col & any Partner of the Cotton Purchasers has gone out. Mr Lewis left home Texas since for Europe & Major Lewis is now in Havana making arrangements to carry out in good faith the arrangement entered into at Richmond. he has left me here in charge of all the Cotton about 1800 Bales, with directions to apply them in such a manner the Govmt desired. Provided the arrangement during recess could be respected by the Cotton Bureau, I would like now to have exempted 1000 bales of this Cotton - so that it can ultimately be sent such to meet the engagements of Major Lewis - in Consideration of which I will turn over to the Govmt 800 Bales lying at Rusk. Confederate notes - receiving in payment such funds - prices & such pay as is allowed others in this locality, I also request the transportation belonging to Major Gen Walker now being about 40 Cotton to be free from Impressment.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Aide de Camp

Asst for Maj Lewis &

R. M. Davis.

Tyler Texas Jany 11th 1864

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J. M. Isaacs
Contractor.

Is prepared to deliver Cotton to Maj Ewell. Asks for usual printed Exemption for 1000 bales. No Bagging, Rope or ties. Expects to have 500 over — offers them to the Bureau —

Sibley

Tyler Texas Oct 16th
January 21st 1864

Col. John Valentine 24th
Dear Recr. on the 12th Inst I am
Prepared to deliver the Cotton to Mr
Engle & assist him as I can
in the transportation of same
We You to send Comy to forward
Me the usual Printed Exemption
for the 1000 Bales - by that Num
I can give Copies of same to
My transmitter. Knowing the great
trouble of having all the Endorsements
which are on the Proposition - the
Printed one are the same as given
Dick Hutchings & Co - Cypress for
the State of Texas - Which You approved
While in Houston for them - Mr Ray and
to Bagging & Rope to Mob to be known
Here - I May have 500 men - &
do it as at Your discretion - If
An thority be given Me - such as given
to Mr Short & Hutchens & Bowling Ragsdale
to - buy & pay for the Govt cotton - I can

deliver You the Letter to Doctor Chevalier
&c. / at Orleans — Gen Gen or accep
& paying the Freight — & the Price
Same then the Same to settle by —
My Opinion is it will Materially
benefit the Gov.t & get it to Paris
that I am Instructed to the delivery of
I am &c &c — Please reply to this
Promptly & keep me advised of
Matters at the Rendezvous — I place my
My Services at Your Disposal
Yours Truly
J. Paul
Jno
Col Wm Bowdrie
Chief Cotton Clerk
Mississippi

Dec 1863

J. M. Isaacks

Ogden

Iowa

67"

For regard to circular ex-

tension -

Broadwell

Moores Ln

La

Tow 18/63

Col/

I left Tyler & came home & saw
You. Regret You Did Not Returned
From Houston— The objects of my
visit being thus— My attention
being drawn to the formation of a
Cotton Bureau for Texas— & Col
Undertakings at the Head of same— Having
decerned to aid & facilitate the Govt
all in My Power— I wished to
see You personally— as You well
know the Authority Majr James
acts under— it being from the Dept
of War & Approv'd by Lt Gen'l Eby
Smith— I also at the same time
took occasion to inform You of
those full Powers from Majr James,
&c— Hum— & purpose of these
And the Govt & Price turn over
to them the Teams— & have the
Centre off— Say Some 25 or 30
& Mule Teams— & what the hire
& addition— Say Some 6— Say 2 Mule
Teams & 2 8— & 4 Teams— all
in good order— Dept Means— also
to furnish them Cotton if they need
it out of Purchases Made— &
this is not important to them— &
Move like the Facilities here to have
granted & be entered— & all Com-
patible with Your Views— forward me
& Houston a letter & Chest Effects.
for Express & Care Lt Col Hatchings

Yours Truly
J M Broadnax

Respt Lay
Dec 6/1863

Tyler, Texas 30th June 1877

J. R. Isaacs.

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Referring to the detail of Mr Van Ingen and also to the measurements of his Cottons.

Tyler Smith Co Texas
June 30th 1864

Captain/-

This will be handed you by Mr L J Van Deusen who is detailed to me as agent Maj S L Davies for the purpose of assisting me in the Cotton to be transported Cotton Bureau - under the arrangement made with Col Broadnax Chief Cotton Bureau - & May beg of you - Your kind offices in the matter to get a furlough detail - to enable me in good faith to carry out the objects - & should he a great deal of same be to be required - the delay of Captain Barrow in not complying with

the arrangement Made Mr Fisher
in Shreveport to be here the
18th Inst has Caused me
much delay Hence my non
me in my proceedings —
furthermore I refer to
the Endorsement on the
Papers Recorded in
Book B. and B.
You Procure the Necessary
of my Surveys the matter
promptly attended to —
My Letters are Now Ready
for some difficulty has
arise — acc of the same
Which I have Taken
out the proper papers
& get the proper papers
from the Surveyors Office
Which Will take prompt
Action in the premises

From the Manner the Enemy
is made to Acquire the Receipt
of Capt Barrett for the
Same— I am Obliged here to
have been some days on this
Business— Unless You get
the Letter granted me to
Enable Me to Leave
I am
Unbeguen to Solicit me
with the Papers Requesting
from Capt Barrett— which
he will deliver the Letter
I Have in Consequence lost
the best part of the Season
& I am Satisfied that was
Not intended by Col C.
When I Volunterily Came
forward & Offered these Letters
at the desire of the
Governor — Brig Genl Brooks
Lt Col Aid Genl Mr Isaacks

Hem.

Jay Resp
U. Sam

= Dm,

Of Lt Col W. A. Sno
Chief of Cols
A. F

P. S. This Dm I.
is appointed by

Asst Cy
1048
Fort Adams
Newport

Tyler, Smith Co. Texas
April 19th 1864.

Colonel:

I have not, up to this time, rec'd the Communication you sent, containing complaints about Cotton &c.; but merely write to carry out my assertion that Mr. S. H. Boren of this town was buying Cotton beyond the limits affixed by the Cotton-Office, and furthermore, can substantiate the fact. He said, when he purchased this Cotton, it was for himself, - that he owed money in New Orleans, & it was to pay same. - Since which the Bagging and Rope rec'd here; - but the Cotton not yet packed to my knowledge. However, under this State of affairs it is well that the Cotton Bureau should know its agents, and the reliance to be placed on

Hem.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. Leacock

To
Lt Col. W. A. Broadwell,
Chief of Cotton Bureau,
Shreveport,
La.

P.S. This Wm. L. H. Bowen
is appointed by Capt. Barnes.

Tyler Texas. 7th Apl 1864

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J. M. Isaacs.

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Refering to the puncha-
sing by certain
parties beyond the
lines fixed by the
Secty of the Treasury

(Copy)

"Tyler, Smith Co, Texas.
"Aprit 7th 1864.

"Wm Weaver, Esq
"Smith Co Texas.

"Dear Sir;

"Will you be kind enough to inform me if you have positively closed the trade with M. S. H Boren of this town for the balance of your Cotton to be ginned? — If so, at what price you have sold to him per pound, ginned. If not fully closed, what will you take for the same? Your reply at the bottom of this note will much oblige. "Yours resp.y

(Signed) "J. M. Isaacks."

"Maj. Isaacks.

"Sir; I have sold my Cotton to Mr. S. H Boren of your Town, at 30 cts per pound, and said Boren to furnish Rope &

Rogging
(Signed) "Wm. Deaver."

I certify that the foregoing
are true copies made by me
from the Original.
Tyler, Texas, April 15th 1864.
H. VanDorgen.

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Dunn 24/64
E Jacobs 1044
Explaining his
postponement to Col Bannon

Shreveport La June 24th

General

I now undertake to do that which I would have taken pleasure in doing several days ago but for pickings in my family viz. to exculpate if not to exculpate myself from blame which necessarily attaches itself to me according to Col O'Bannon's inference drawn from the remarks I made to him. I am exceedingly sorry that I was misunderstood. It has caused me many unpleasant feelings and many hours of unrest. ~~I was called into~~ In the interview which I had with Col O'Bannon he informed me that ~~I cannot pass through the lines a bale~~ he was unwilling for any more cotton to go through the lines — I then made the proposition that I should furnish half the cotton and he (meaning the Government) should furnish the other half — and intended further to remark (but was prevented by the Col taking the matter as personal) that if I did not bring out a sufficiency of articles needed by the Government to absorb the value of the cotton furnished by the Government that the remainder of my cargo should be sold and that the Government should keep her for pay for the profits of the sale in money. This is what I intended to say — and this is what I meant then and mean now. The Colonel became much exasperated and prevented me from explaining myself and the intentions of my remarks — by absolutely refusing to listen to me

I would have been happy to have made the explanation then, necessary to show what I really intended, viewing the matter as Col Blanchard does and drawing the inference which he drew from my conduct, He cannot assure him for his course, He must necessarily have felt himself insulted as an officer — and Gentleman. But any such insult was very foreign from my purpose, In my remarks to him, I only intended (in my anxiety desire to get a contract) to make him feel at ease as to the security of my carrying out my contract I exceedingly regret what has occurred — And justice to myself and friends demands that this statement should be made — For my course towards the Government since the war I gladly refer you to my friends & acquaintances (both in the army and in civil life) who reside in Shreveport and vicinity, I flatter myself that none have evinced more interest in our troops & Govt I respectfully ask your consideration of the above,

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Ob Servt
[redacted]
Lt C S

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Augt 31/63

O L Lamy

Lyon, Texas

Introducing Mr Isaacs

My Dear 31st Augt 1863

Col

This will be handed you by Mr Baadles My Agent I have explained to him the nature of a proposition that I wish him to make you. I am now waiting for the benefit of the fall freshets and of the Mississippi River and will be through as soon as I can place steamers in a ship loaded with Materials to run the blockade to Mobile. I can in the mean time also attend to your business in Brownsville or Lavaca should you feel disposed to do so. Mr Baadles will explain further if you desire

Yours truly

S. L. Lanes

Col. Wm. H. H. Broadwell

Thompsons

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Condin Nov 10/64

In. Sanny

agent of Conner

629.

Son
Conner in jail in Natchez
wants to haul Cotton
of C. to Vicks —

Concordia Nov 10 1864

Capt H C Black Dr Sir

Our friend Comer is a prisoner in Natchez, but, I have good reason to think that he will shortly be released. He has just concluded the arrangement he had been so long trying to make, for exporting Cotton & introducing supplies. Can I go to work as his agt and commence Landing the Cotton he was to get? & if so who can describe it & deliver it to me? I should like to go to work at once so as to have as much ready for shipment as possible, by the time I can get out of the hands of the enemy. please write me immediately on receipt of this Care of Capt E Jones Cmdy Signal Corps Black River. please forward the enclosed to Lt Clarice who has the Train of wagons I think he is at Vicksburg or Jackson, Gen Allen can inform you which,

Very Respfy
Jno Sanny

Lt Major Buckner at Vicksburg

Statement of goods
for sale
1033
Eugene Jean

Refer to Col Broadwell

Eng. Jean's stock of goods.

80	sacks coffee at		50 ¢
3	packages Imperial		35
20	lbs loaf sugar		40
18	lbs crushed do		20
4	pcs linen drill		80 ¢
240	dz. men's shoes		$ 38
940	reams foolscap paper		$ 4
640	" letter paper		$ 2
80	" fine ruled foolscap		" 10
20	lbs good claret		" 16
12	rasps for blacksmiths	for $ 110.	
11	pincers		
11	shoeing hammers		
12	bottles		
295	yds heavy linen stripe		50 ¢

1054

Rooms General Court Martial
Alexandria July 16/64

Capt Sol. Jeffries
Judge Advocate

417

Summons Col Bidwell
to attend the Court.

Room General Court Martial
Alexandria La. July 16th 1864.

Lt Col. J. M. Broadwell.
6th Col.

Your presence is required before this Court Martial of which Lt Col Flournoy is President, now in session at Alexandria La. on Friday, July 22d 1864. to testify as a witness in case of Major Andrew M. McKee, and to continue your attendance until discharged by this Court.

Respectfully
James Jeffris Capt &
Judge Advocate,

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Henderson. 24th March

R. M. Jamison

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Enquiring in regard to
leasing on Cotton.
at Waco.

Arkansas State Telegraph Company.

October 24th 1864

By Telegraph from Henderson 24 1864

To Col W A Broadwell

If I can over
half my cotton at
Waco can I get a
permit to export
remainder Answer
immediately
R. W Jemison
19 p d 1140

Richmond & Fort Bend
County, R.R. 2 March 2/65.
5709

N. N. Johns
Depot agent Texas
Cotton Bureau.

~~Boston~~ On behalf of
a number of planters
who desire to export
cotton, having already
sold a considerable quantity
to the Government.

Per Steamer Mississippi
Shreveport May 11, 1865
Rec'd up to Lt Col
Broadwell

By order of
General Smith
P. H. Thomson
Adj

Rec'd at Mississippi May 10/65

Hinkinsonville Red River County
March 2nd 1865

Lieut. C. Kirby Smith
Shreveport
Sir

I am requested by the Planters of this County to make known to you the following statement of facts, and ask that the same shall be extended to them that they may give you an Account of the Confederate Government of the Trans. Miss. Dept —

Last July and succeeding months An Agent of the Texas Cotton Bureau with Authority delegated by yourself, was stationed to visit every Plantation in this County and present them with a printed Contract for their signature, requiring them to sell to the Confed. Govt. One half of their Cotton promising themselves 5 to 15 cts in Confed. Funds per pound and to furnish them Bagging & Rope [illegible] Cotton at 10 cts per pound and pledged to be dedicated from the proceeds of the Cotton and the Govt —

Our circumstances pressed us promptly with both the Agent. I contract sent to acquaint this matter, but to say, the Govt wants half your Cotton to provide Clothing & Necessities of War, & by the Contract or and including Officers were to send to Shreveport your Cotton. But if you sign the Contract & are authorized to procure your as our

inducement, that our Planters delivering the Cot Cotton, shall be allowed a Permit from the U.S. to export to Mexico for their own use a like number of Bales and pounds of Cotton free from imposition by paying the Duty at any Port of Entry that might be specified on the Rio Grande —

That in accordance with these demands from the Cot and regarding you as the Cot de facto in the exercise of Sovereign of Sovereignty or other institutions for the Inhabitants they have established with their Consent —

That in addition to the demand for their Cotton the Cot made a requisition for a supply of Horses, Mules, Waggons, Gears, and Negroes, also a second and third requisition for Negroes, all of which has been suspended to the full extent asked, and are at all times willing to aid Our Cause in any way thought best for our Country before —

That the last three or four months has been so wet [illegible] amount of rain fallen as to prevent their hauling to any point whatever —

That for the want of teams & Negroes and the rain some of the Planters have not been as yet able to plant their Crops, and from the same cause all the Crops are from four to six weeks behind former years —

Further, that when D.W. Bean Esq entered upon his duties as Agent of the Treasury, he published in his "explanations of the Overland Commerce to Mexico" that all such Permits from the Cotton

Convention were called and would be respected, that considering this as a further guarantee from the Govt. they [illegible] from July to the present time faithfully complied with their conduct to the Govt. having the fullest confidence that you will, in the part of the Govt. fulfil and carry out upon pledges made to them —

That there is in this County from four to six hundred Bales in the Planters hands of last crop Cotton, the Govt. having received a like surrender) which they wish to take as soon as their crops are in a condition to clean, and the roads could be travelled, to enable them to purchase supplies for their Plantations, with ongoing steps for the succeeding Crop, and ask upon an act of justice to them, to provide such means or to specify such Orders as will prevent their loans being molested while carrying out their Contracts under the pledges given them by your Officers —

That the Order of [illegible] fixing the time to 1st May in the Proclamation of Retaliation and amnesty with [illegible] The taking of their Loans by the Govt would prevent them complying with the Orders issued the roads bad as they could have removed their Cotton from their Gins

Will you inform us what course is pursued to persons in this matter. We expect to do in future our whole duty, only asking justice in return — Yours truly

A. B. John —

Chief Agent Upon Cotton Bureau —

Houston 3d Sept 1863

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Isaac Johnick

Proposition to transport Cotton to the Rio Grande - & to be paid for transporting on Cotton one half for the other.

Houston Sept. 30 - 1863

Col H. A. Broadwell
Cotton Bureau
Trans Mississippi

I propose to sell to the Government six hundred Bales of Cotton now lying in Bell and Milam Counties at such price and such pay as allowed others holding Cotton, by the Cotton Bureau

In addition, I propose to transport it to the Rio Grande as Government Cotton, and deliver it to such Officer or Government Agent as may be designated, with the understanding that the Officer to whom I deliver said Cotton will give me One half of the Cotton for transporting the whole, - and I further propose to invest the one half which I am to receive (after paying the specie expenses which I will necessarily incur) in Government Stores or other articles which may be necessary, honestly the wants of the Country

Isaac Falconer

Shreveport, No 3. July 19th 1864

B. M. Salmon.

1058

Proposing to purchase one to two bales of Cotton weekly the Enemys lines - at $160. In Gold, payable in check of the Canal & Citizens Bank.

Hd Qrs. Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La. 27th Feby 1864.

Respectfully referred to Capt. Hd Qrs. D. S. A. Smith has investigated the merits of the proposition submitted herewith and advises its acceptance. I have to recommend that the cotton north the Enemy's lines be sold and only to an extent that the funds received in payment can be ordered available in the payment of debts and procurement of army Supplies.

W. A. Broadnax
Lt Col

Hd Qrs. Trans. Miss. Dept.
Shreveport Feby 27th 1864.

This proposition should net the Govt. ($100.) One Hundred Dollars per bale (3 prcig). Col. Broadwell. Chief of Cotton Bureau is authorized to close the transaction to 1 ill. (1000) one Thousand bales from positions exposed to capture by the enemy The funds received will be deposited with Mr. H.J.G. Battle C.S. Depository at Shreveport. The Cotton delivered Mr Johnson under this arrangement will be exempted from destruction and a permit to export to Europe granted upon payment of the export duties. Should the funds received be found available for our purposes on the Rio Grande as to warrant the transaction extended to (5000 bales) Five Thousand bales, an advance in price must be added to the Cotton to meet any depreciation that may take place in the funds received.

E. Kirby Smith
Lt Gen
"

The sale of (1000 bales) one thousand bales for ($ 160.00) one hundred & Sixty thousand Dollars in Checks of Canal and Citizens Banks New Orleans which Col Broadwell is authorized to make. is intended as an experiment.

E. Kirby Smith
Lt Gen
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Shreveport La. 17th July 1863

Lt Col W. A. Bindseall,
Chief of Cotton Bureau.
Colonel. I having returned from New Orleans after missing the mail arrangement to report Cotton to Europe. as also provided myself with funds to pay for the same in the shape of Confederate Bank Checks: on New York, I have the honor to propose the purchase of any cotton. You may desire to order bales at $1 60 per. Bale, payable in the character of Exchange with which I am provided. as above described - I understand that you wished not enter a speculation to sell any cottons other than those located near the Confederate lines. Say below Alexandria or East of the Ouachita River.

Respectfully
S. M. Johnstone
per Jas Simpson

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,

OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Shreveport La 25th Feby 1864

B. M. Johnson Esq.
Care of Bank Simpson

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that your proposition of the 19th has been submitted to Lt Genl. Smith. He doubts our ability to render the character of funds offered in payment available in meeting the necessities of this Dept., and states emphatically, that no conditions would be yielded by him, other than to issue an order exempting from destruction the cotton sold, with privilege to export the same to Europe. If it is established beyond any question, that the Bank Checks offered by you in payment, can be made to serve the purposes of the Government, and the transaction can be closed, by simply taking your money for the cotton we sell you, and the issue of an order exempting it from destruction with permit to export; the Genl may decide to order a thousand (1000) bales sold you with the privilege of extending to the quantity named by you, (5000 Bales), provided, we ascertain by positive experiment that we can use your bank checks in the payment of our debts to advantage.

Very Respy.
Yr. ob. Svt.

I will buy the cotton
on the above terms @
$40. per bale.
(Signed.) B. M. Johnson
for. Bank Simpson.

W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col

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R. A. Johnson

Purchases of Cotton on the Ouachita

I think very favorably of this proposition. Wish consult Genl. Smith on the subject & shall advise him to enter into the arrangement proposed.

Yours &c.

Sept. 29/64

Shreveport Sept 28th 1864

To
His Excellency Henry W Allen
Gov of the State of Louisiana

Sir — I beg leave respectfully to represent for your consideration the following facts, —

1st — During a visit which I recently made to the Town of Monroe in Ouachita Parish La I discovered that there was about 60,000 bales of Cotton owned by the Citizens still remaining on the premises of Morehouse Caldwell Franklin & Ouachita East of the Ouachita River and in Union Jackson & Claiborne West of Said River — Much of this Cotton is being rapidly wasted & lost on account of exposure to the weather. The sheds in which it is stored being in many instances very imperfect & the Ropes bursted & the Bagging having become rotten & almost useless —

2ndly — This Cotton (on the panther on the frontiers) is constantly causing & subsisting a clandestine & illicit trade with the enemy on the Ship River, thereby demoralizing the people & removing wealth which needed from the use & protection of the Government —

3rdly — So long as this Cotton remains in the Country it offers a constant attraction to the enemy and as great inducements to them to overrun it & procure the Cotton — The Country must in

Such an event would sustain incalculable damage from the proverbial ruthlessness & destructive habits of the enemy - This Country is mostly very fertile - & full of needful supplies of grain & stock -

For this reason I feel sure that the Government would be much benefited by the sale of this Cotton & its removal from the Country - This can be accomplished without the outlay of a cent by the Government - The Cotton can be purchased on time & when delivered on the banks of the Ouachita River - the parties purchasing will pay for it in Gold & Sterling; whereupon the planters or Lessees will be paid. This would be the means of introducing into the Country Gold instead of Greenbacks - as is at present the case -

The profit on this transaction would be large say $80 on 100 $8 on per bale - Since the Cotton could be bought at $40 on per bale & sold at from $120 to $135 on -

I beg leave also to suggest briefly that our military Station East of the Miss River is discouraging: And from the Enemy over-running that region - Thousands of Gallant men will seek our Western Department to fight in the last struggle for freedom It is therefore a matter of the greatest importance to have a powerful army & Supplies for them ready - and that of our own Soldiers now in the field - We know not what the result of the

struggle now progressing in the East may be
but now is the last-hope & I believe the
only time for this Department to act & fur-
-nish every thing needful —
Should other Eastern ports meet the fate
of Mobile - The Federal fleet will be
disengaged & we may surely expect our
ports to be so occupied as to stop every
effort at importation — The funds re-
-alized from this transaction can be at
once used for the introduction of approva
arms & supplies — and I earnestly call
your attention to an object so important
& necessary to the defence of the Country
I am most Respectfully Yours

Pat Johnson

C. A. Hutchison

1060 Elys

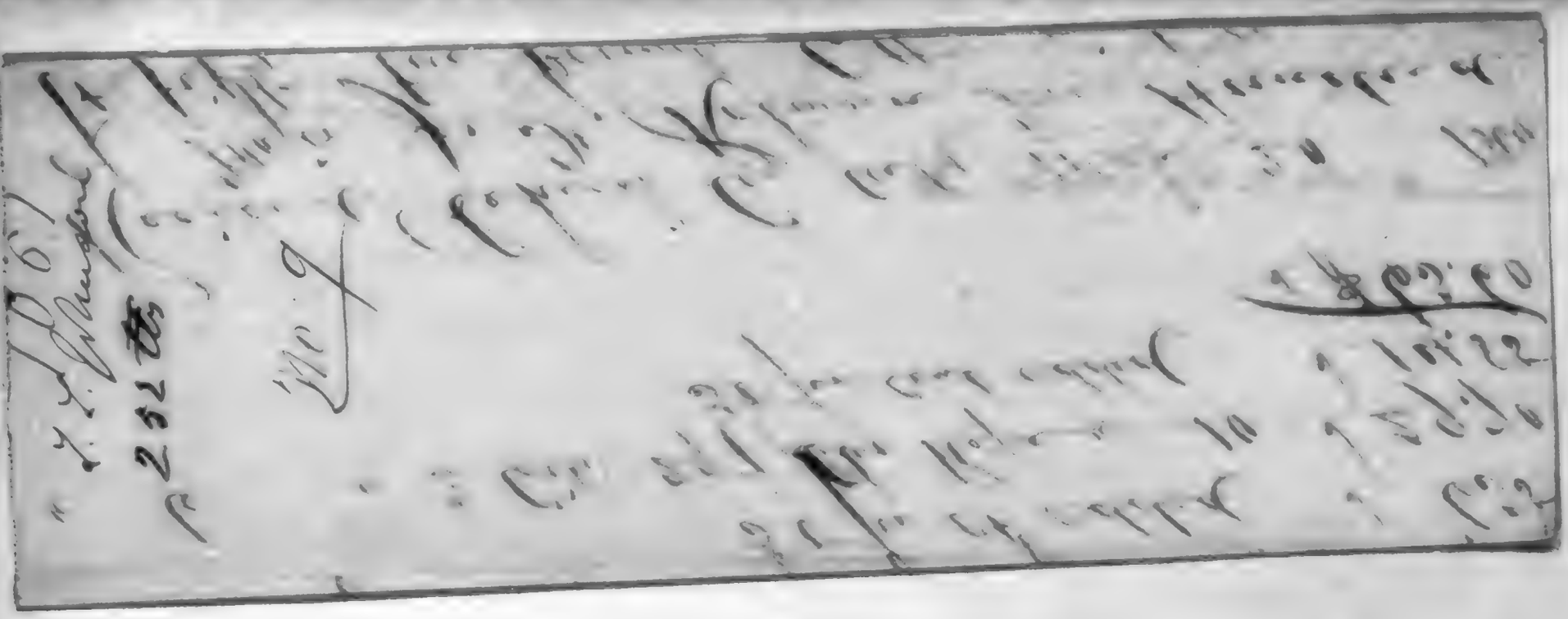
No 8

Major J. H Robinson acting for Cotton Bureau
To Gyms. R. Johnson

1864				
July 23	884	yds India Bagging @ 20¢	176.80	
		50 pr ct added	88.40	
			$265.20	

Received Christ Church March 15th 1864 of Major J. H. Robinson One Thousand & Sixty pounds of Cotton in full of the above account.

Gyms R Johnson



Major J. F. Robinson acting for Cotton Bureau

To L L. Johnson Dr.

1864					
Mch 4	for	127	lbs	Rope yarn & Coil 10c	$12.70
				50 pr ct added	$ 6.35
" 6	"	2 Coils	297	lbs Rope @ 10	$29.70
				50 per cent added	$ 14.85
					$ 63.60

Received Schedule Cy Ark Mch 20 1864
of Major J. F. Robinson Two Hundred
& fifty-two pounds Cotton in full of the
above account —

L L Johnson

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L. L. Johnson.

4656 lbs

No 10

Major J. F. Robinson acting Ja Cotton Bureau

To L. L. Johnson Dr

1864

July 14 To 10 Cots 136 lbs Rope 10 ¢ $13.60

" 10 Rolls 1000 yds Ky Baggins 20 200.00

" — Rolls 2200 " Indian do 20 440.00

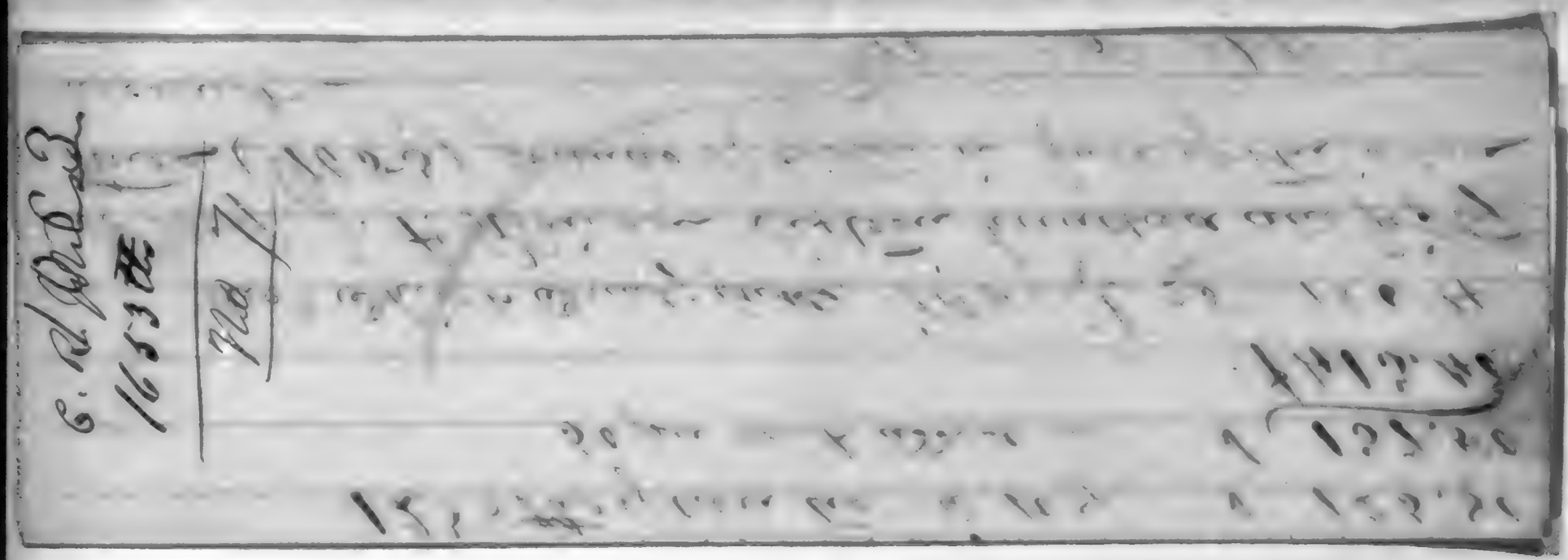
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Rec Christ Co ath March 1st. 1865

of Major Jas F. Robinson three Thousand six Hundred & fifty six pounds Cotton in full of the above Amount

L L Johnson



Majr Jas. F. Robinson Adjt. Jas Bolton Bureau
To Cyrus R. Johnson Cr

1864

March 12th	749 lbs	@ Sudden Bagging @ 20 ¢	$149.80
	1258 lbs	@ Iron Ties @ 10 ¢	125.80
		50 per cent added —	137.50
			$413.40

Recd Chicot County, Ark. March 25 1864
of Majr. J. F. Robinson Fifteen hundred and fifty three (1653) pounds of cotton in full of the above account —

Cyrus R Johnson

Post 2d Lt. Office
Louisville Ky Feby 23d 1865

J.G. Johnston
Capt & A.A.G.

Enclose Invoice of Rifle
for Farm (4) Bales 76
Cotton —

Louisville Ky 28th Feby 1865

Capt J.G. Johnston
A.A.G.

1122

Enclosing Invoice of Rifle
for 76 Bales Cotton.

Post 2 M. Office
Louisville Ky July 23rd 1865

Col

Enclosed I have find Invoices of Receipts
for Four (4) Bales of Cotton - (Two Thousand
& forty (2040) Pounds) that I have taken
and turned over to the Quel Hospital
of the Dist of Corinth for use. I read the
instructions of Capt H. O. Black A.Q.M. of
Cotton Bureau & Capt B. J. Brown A.Q.M.
of this Post in Nov 1864 and under
those instructions I took the Cotton &
herewith report the same and am ready
to again invoice for same of you.
This Cotton was obtained by me from the
Plantation of J. M. Drewry on Red
River Co Lafayette County Arkansas

Resp
J. G Johnson
Capt A.Q.M.

Col Broadwell

Cotton Bureau
St Louis
Mo.

Chmfort & M. Ky
1863 J. 357

R. a Johnson

Relation to the pur-
chase and disposition
of Cotton on the
Ouachita River

Has the Same Been
Chmfort Oct 1, 1864
Refer upon to Capt W.B.
Black for his opinion

By order
Genl Smith
A/A Johnson
A.A.G.

Respectfully

Cotton Bureau
Shreveport 18th Oct 1864

Respectfully submitted — The Cotton tax question can only be met by agencies leading the Farmer to keep it through the lines of the enemy; and in this respect, becomes of no present value to the Govt, unless some such agency is employed to [illegible] it useful by its removal and sale —

I regard Mr Johnson as a proper person for this work. But I would prefer that his proceedings should be confined to Cotton sent to this port, that the work of repairing & transporting together with all attending expenses should be his; that he should be allowed to take back with him Material into the Country for the purpose, & for the families of Confederates, including exportation beyond our lines, he should pay a Certain Stipulated Sum, per bale, to the Government — I suggest a proposition giving to the Govt Fifty Dollars a bale, for the right of exportation, I would not hesitate to recommend to the Gen'l — I have placed the Sum at this low rate in order that Mr Johnson may make arrangements with the State, by which Gov Allen, may be able to put his services, and the staple of the County, to a certain extent, in carrying out the objects he has in view, in furnishing supplies for the people — This is the best mode which suggests itself to me by which the Govt & the State can participate in the benefits of the same proposed —

E B Todd

W H Black
Capt & A & I Mo
for Chief of Bureau

Thibodeaux Oct 1st 1864

To His Excellency Henry W. Allen
Gov of Louisiana

Sir

Having made to you some days since a report of the amount of Cotton in certain Parishes on the Ouachita River and the reasons why it is advisable & advantageous to the Government to dispose of & ship the same from the Country, I now respectfully make to your Excellency the following proposition - to wit -

I propose to purchase & transport from the Country ten thousand or more bales of Cotton & to pay to the Confederate State & State of Louisiana (40) Eighty Dollars per Bale in Gold or its equivalent in approved Sterling & and that the amount received for all the Cotton sold shall be divided as directed by Gen'l Smith & myself between the Confederate States & the State of Louisiana -

That the Cottons when purchased shall be reported to an Officer appointed by the Government who shall superintend exportation of same & collection of export duties -

The Government to allow privilege of introducing barges & Ropes for the purpose of relading such as is in loose condition & in the River - of which there is a large amount & rapidly becoming rotten & wasted

The privilege of introducing boats on the Ouachita river is necessary & respectfully asked - I also propose & beg the privilege

of inviting the proceeds of said sales of Cotton in designated arms - ammunition & Supplies for the benefits of the Government - and introducing the same through some of the ports in Texas - the expense to be incurred by the Government - except such as are unavoidable in reloading & transporting to the Quichita Rivers - The latter of which it is thought will be trifling - Once I believe the the owners of the Cotton can be induced to deliver it at their own expense on said Rivers -

These Cottons have been for some time admitted to be beyond the control of the Treasury Department - but by much labour & exertion can I think be made available as above stated - thereby a large sum of money can be realized by the Government - The Roads in these parishes will soon become impassable and if favourable consideration be bestowed on the above proposition I respectfully beg to suggest that prompt action be taken in the matter

I also respectfully submit that I have been for years familiar with the sale & purchase and different qualities of Cotton - having been a Cotton factor when the war commenced -

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

R.T. Johnson

Norfolk Va 31st Oct 1864

R. A. Thurman

Instructions to buy Cotton on the Ombabee River —

Shreveport La Oct 31st 1864

Genl E Kirby Smith
Commanding Dept of the Trans mississippi Depart-
ment. Genl

On the first of the present
month I made to his Excellency Henry W Allen
Gov of the State of Louisiana a proposition
for the removal & sale of all the Cotton in
the Parishes of Claiborne - Caldwell - Franklin
& Ouachita (and & now called Catahoula)
East of the Ouachita River; and in the
Parishes of Union - Jackson & Claiborne
West of Lake & River - which proposition
received the approval of Gov Allen - and
when referred to Capt W. C. Black a.q.m.
for Chief of Treasury Bureau received
also his hearty approval & favorable en-
dorsement & Gen Whereas the Hon P. W. Gray
Agt. of the Treasury T. M. by his letter of the
13th inst. addressed to you has declared
said Cotton to be under the Control of the
military authority, by reason of Military
necessity - and his inability to render them
available to the Country - I now therefore

propose to undertake the removal & sale of said Cotton be they more or less & to pay the Confederate Government forty fifty Dollars for each bale of said Cotton so shipped & disposed of - in Consideration of the Consent & protection of the Government in the shipment & disposition of the same - and for its further permission & protection in the introduction of Supplies for the transportation of said Cotton beyond the Confederate lines - also for the introduction of Salary Stuffs for unloading the same When necessary - I also propose to pay Governor H W Allen for State purposes - twenty Dollars per bale for Each Bale Shipped after deducting from this latter sum expenses necessarily incurred in unloading & transporting the same to the banks of the Ouachita or Mississippi Rivers - I have the honor to be very Respectfully your Obt Servt

Rt Johnson

Louisville 16th March. 1864.

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Richd H. Johnson

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Asking permit to export.
300 bales of cotton to obtain supplies.

.acted upon
Granted

Lewisville. Ark.s March 16 1864-

Lt. Col W.A. Crawford

I wish to send some cotton to Eagle Pass to procure supplies for my own and other families. I wish to send as much as I can furnish wagons & teams to carry, what amount that will be I cannot now tell - but I should like to have a permit to send out 300 bales or less. I am willing to comply with the usual terms imposed by Government; and to bring back whatever supplies may be purchased with the portion of the cotton that is required to be expended for the government; and deliver the same at Waco or any other point in that region. I should be willing to bring them further east if my teams are in condition to do so, and the government would furnish forage for them east of the Brazos.

What I am to be allowed for the supplies thus furnished the government. I am willing should be determined by arbitration or any other fair mode.

I shall ask no details of men, and no other assistance than a permit that will protect me from molestation by the Confederate or State authorities -

If I embark in this enterprise, I desire to lose no time before starting, and therefore request early reply -

Very Respectfully &c
Richd. H. Johnson

Louisville Ky
March 28th 1864

Recd & Johnson
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Introducing Mr E.
Worthington

Lewisville March 28 1864.

My Dear Sir:

Permit me to introduce to you Col. Elisha Worthington, of Chicot Co. Ark., who visits Shreveport and is a stranger there. He goes there upon business, I believe, with the Cotton Bureau.

Col. Worthington is one of our very wealthiest citizens, but like many of us, is a sufferer from war. He was for many years a near neighbor of my father's, and I have known him from my boyhood, and always held him in the highest esteem. He has been an invalid since the beginning of the war, but that has not prevented him from doing much for the cause. He has nine seventy or eighty negro men in the service, many of them being fine mechanics, and also some 18 or 20 wagons & teams. Most of his negroes have been in the service for more than 20 months.

Col. Worthington will probably desire a note of introduction to Col. Broadwell of the Cotton Bureau, which I hope you will give him. I am not myself personally acquainted with Col. Broadwell.

Any assistance, Sir, you may give Col. Worthington in his business matters will be kindly remembered by me.

I am very Respectfully
Yr Obt: Servt.
Richd. W. Thomas

Lt. Col. E. K. Smith
Shreveport.

Fulton Ark 15th Feby 1864

W. Warner Johnson

In relation to Sam Lewis & the desposition already made of Same—

file

Quartermasters Office
Fulton Ark Feby 10th 1864

Captain:

Your letter of the 6th inst together with Col O Bannons letter in relation to bon ties for cotton, are just at hand.

I received last October 3000 lbs of bon ties, but have since that time furnished Quartermasters both in Texas & Arkansas with the bon to make Buckets & wagon troughs besides manufacturing a large number of buckets & troughs for this Post & the Slaw Bureau - I have only 150 or 200 lbs on hand - & will work that up this month for Genl Price Division & Genl Cabells Brigade who are greatly in need of buckets & wagon troughs for their trains - I would be most pleased to furnish your Bureau with the ties if I had them - My supply was I believe the only lot in the District - hence the demand for them from every Post

Very Respectfully, Captain,
Your Obt Svt
H. Warren Johnson
Capt & A.Q.M.

Capt W. C. Black A.Q.M.
Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Philadelphia
31st Oct 1864

Sam K Lewis

Asking information
about the affinity
of Cotton —

Sent Answer
Replied to
Answer

Arkadelphia
Oct. 8th 1864

Col. W. A. Bradwell
A.A.G. 1st Div. 7th Corps

Sir

I was a merchant at the beginning of this war & had on hand an amount of Cotton, part of which has been stolen - part burnt by Gov. & part sold to Gov & part I have now & wish to know on what terms I will be allowed to transport it through the Federal lines this winter either to the Miss. River at Devalls Landing or down Ouachita & Red rivers to some point on the Miss. - An early answer is requested

With much respect

I am

Sir

Yr. Ob. Svt.

Dan'l Jones

Jackson Miss 15th June 63

Charles Jones

Requesting Capt. J—
Ochletree. to pay Col
Broadwell $225.X

Jackson Miss
Post Bellevue Jan 15th 63

Sir

I am this date
hand to Lt Col. Brindlee
two hundred Stevens Infy
Rollen showing the Quartermaster
transfer Rec'd in at Richmond
I may quite astonished
to find that you had left
so hurriedly & without
settling up the affairs
Respectfully
Thos Jones
Lt

Shreveport 23d July 1864.

J. D. T. 260
S. B. Jones. Vol 38
J B. Heystandalo

Proposition to transport Govmt Cotton to San— Antonio.

Cotton Bureau
Shreveport 25th July 1864

Respectfully referred to Lt Col Geo. Williams a. a. G. — with the remark that this proposition is signed with fair & will be accepted by this Office. If the details & Metrean expecting from Concerning. Which are parts of its Conditions, are filled by the Cmdg General

E.B. 346.

W. A. Black
Capt & A.Q.M.
for Chief of Bureau

Hd Qrs, Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport La July 25th 1864

Respectfully returned
Does not approve of the terms proposed
Cannot be accepted
to. The wagons & teams may be
employed if absolutely necessary
to haul cotton to
San Antonio or
Eagle Pass.

By command
of Lt Gen E. K. Smith
Geo Williamson
A.A.G.

E.B.
4171.

Col Pinckney

Shreveport July 23rd 1864

Col. W. A. Broadwell
Colonel

We wish to engage in hauling Cotton to San Antonio a Cash Price, as soon as may suit your convenience. We can furnish eight or more Wagons & Mule teams, which we are willing to load at the depot of Jno Dickson, Shreveport, on the following terms, if acceptable to you,

Each team to be loaded with three thousand pounds of Net Cotton, the Govt paying as Compensation stated, Two Dollars each per hauling, We engaging our teams and drivers, Govt to furnish us an Escort sufficient for the protection of the train, We are to have the privilege of drawing for our subsistence, which will be free from Govt Molestation, while in this country, & after its arrival at San Antonio, & which we will be prevented from selling etc as you do not contemplate moving the Cotton out of the Country - On demand to San Antonio, Will not please it beyond the Order and regulations of the Commanding General, governing this Article —

Should you adopt to our proposition, we
expect the arrangement to be permanent,
and the teams to be in the service of the
Govt for as long a period as they may be
required - We expect to use Negroes & Texans
as drivers - Should we press Mexicans and
proceed in procuring such as are not liable
to Conscription - their exemption from Conscription
to be guaranteed to us - So that when their
work is done they Can be discharged, with
the permission to return to their Country, if they
so prefer - Without Molestation
We also ask that one of the Contracting parties
J B Kenedy & Kendall, be detailed with 24 men from
Cavalry - Now on furlough, be detailed for the
purpose of accompanying the train and
taking Charge of the Govt property -
All of which is Respectfully Submitted -
The same rules with regards to Tariff Loading,
to be observed, as is agreed to, in reference
to our Loading for San Antonio -

S. B. Jones.

J. B. Kenedy

Shreveport. 23d July 1863

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S. B. Jones &
J. B. Kuykendall

Protection to transport
from Alton to San Antonio

Copy.

Shreveport. 28th July 1864.

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell.

Colonel.

We wish to engage in hauling Cotton to San Antonio or Eagle Pass as you may prefer. We can furnish Eight a more wagons & mule teams which we are willing to place at the disposal of your Bureau on the following terms if acceptable to you.

Each team to be loaded with Three Thousand pounds of Govmt Cotton. the Govmt paying us as compensation. Texas Schedule rates of hauling. we foraging on teams and drivers Should we conclude to haul in our wagons an amount of Cotton in excess of the 3000 lbs per load we are to have the privilege of doing so for our own account. which excess is to be free from Govmt molestation, while on its journey or after its arrival at San Antonio. by which we will be prevented from selling it, as we do not contemplate moving the Cotton out of the country. its removal to San Antonio will not place it beyond the rules and regulations of the Commanding General, governing the article. Should you accede to our proposition. we expect the arrangement to be permanent. & the teams to be in the service of the Govmt for as long a period as they may be required. We expect to use negroes & Mexicans as drivers Should we succeed in procuring Mexicans. such as are not liable to conscription. their exemption from conscripting to be guaranteed to us. So that when their work is done they can be discharged with the permission to return to their country. if they so prefer, without Military molestation.

We also ask that one of the contracting parties J. B. Kuykendall a private in the 24th Texas Cavalry now on furlough be detailed for the purpose of accompanying the train and taking charge of the Govmt property.

All of which is respectfully submitted. The same rules with regard to back loading to be observed as is agreed to, in reference to our loading for San Antonio.

(Signed) S. B. Jones.

(Signed) J. B. Kuykendall

Jefferson 30th May 1864.

~~Capt. A.A.G.~~

J. B. Keating

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Requesting his teams to be released.

Jefferson May 10th 1864

Col Broadwell

Dear Sir My Teams have been in the Cotton Business ten in number since November last, and I respectfully ask you to have them released, from the trip, to Sanantonia, as they are not in condition to make the trip, and their loss, will be ruin to me, and injury to the Confederate States, When I hired them to the department It was expressly understood, that they were not to be taken beyond my control, in the event of my sending them —

Should the enemy invade Texas, & They are on the road To San antonia, I am left without transportation & all my supplies fall into the hands of the enemy, as well as my family, and every Thing I have

There is a great scarcity of water and very little corn on the road, and a large portion of the stock must necessarily perish from Starvation in the months of July & August, and as my Teams, are my only means of supporting our mother women and children, I am unwilling to risk them on the expedition, they are; my bread and meat,

Capt Binge refuses to release them, because, He has had them some time counting on grass, to this objection I would state, that in good faith, the Govn should have returned them in as good order as they received them, On their return from Arkn. they were literally dead on their feet, and two of them did die on the trip, which added to the eight which had died before makes ten mules I have lost in the Service, I also told Capt Binge long before

them return from Hamburg, that I would not consent for
my teams to go to San antonio. Consequently he should
have sent them home, when the hauling was at an end
I am willing to haul for the Government any where in
striking distance of this point, but I am unwilling
to have them sent where, In an emergency, I cannot
control them, & hope you will so think, and ask
you to have them released, from the trip to San antonio
I am unable to know the amount, your department is
owing me, as it is the only means I have to pay my Taxes

Yours Very Respectfully

L. B. Keath

Lyttleton Co. Texas May 1864.

Capt. Robt.
A. D. C. & Actg
Q. M.
2d Cav.

Requesting his leave
to be released.

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"doing them a very great injustice—
This is not true
sentence

1075

Richmond August 22nd/64

R J Davis
Secretary of State

Dear Sir

In Answer to a Letter I addressed to the Gov- some days ago in relation to Steve Cottom, who thought That I was Not Sufficiently Specific- I May inclose you a letter written by Col O J Bates to Me in relation to the Same Matter, Which will I hope bring the Subject fully before you, And You will See at once the Circumstances which Surrounded this Case- Gen. Nichols as I have been informed by his agent at Houston has No Controle over the Matter- Tho Nichols is bound by the Contract or agreement intered into by his Excellency The Gov- And Gen Smith who in Said Settlement or agreement Fixed Max- No provisions were Made for Irish Cases- I have just returned from Houston where I went to See Nichols in Relation to the Matter, but he was Absent- gone West- I then Called at the Cotton office- "Confederate Stars" And Took the Case before the Chief of it that "Beauregard"- he State that he had No jurisdiction over the Matter + Could not go beyond Gen Smith's order- But that I had better write to the Gov- And give Him a Statement of facts in the Case, and the Words in Such Cases apply to

To Dan Smith + Rick Re Smith
in which Cases would give a
Special permit for it to go/act
I inclose you also a Circular sent me
by J B Root the agent at Houston, setting
forth the Conditions upon which the
difference between the State + the C Stats
were adjusted - And you will readily
see that there is no provision for the
Case in question - The Lumber just
by accident has been turned off at the
Cibolon - You will please
attend to this Matter immediately
for it places me in a very Unpleasant
position with Col Battle as well as
during him a very great injustice -
Yours in haste
Clarence

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16th D.T 1863

J. H. Key

Rec'd 21

Asking Copy of Statute

Houston Texas Dec 16th 1865.

Col W A. Broadwell

Chief Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Dear Sir

Yesterday morning in Harrisburg, I unfortunatly lost my Pocket-Book containing my Detail as Train-Master of my Waggons and Teams. As you have a copy of the Detail, I will thank you if you will forward it to me by the return mail to Gonzales Post Office

Respectfully yours

A. D. Guest

P. F. Fly



ARKANSAS STATE TELECRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Little Rock April 22 186 5

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Hinton " 22 186 5

TO R. Rose

If an occasion offers you say to Genl Smith that if we can render any assistance to him in this time of national calamity he can command us.

Ring 76

28 bs 2240

Houston Dany 14. 1865

King & Co 7/8

945

Telegram - Enquiring whether transportation agents & wagon masters can be detailed under Special Order № 111 Par XI.

Answ
& file

Col W A Pennock

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Brownsville Texas 14 1863

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Houston Texas 14 1863

TO Lt Col O. A Bronaugh

Capt Green desires me to enquire whether Special order number 111 paragraph eleven authorizing the detail of Conscripts as laborers includes our transportation agents & wagon masters We understand that it does. Please telegraph answer

Byrd 312

R. J. T. Co.

Houston April 11th 1865

679

King & Co

1283

Telegram. Shirley had no authority to make contracts for King & Co - Charges are unfounded.

R Rose

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ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Shreveport La Oct 15 1863

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Washington Oct 11 1863

TO Ky Race

Shirley had a contract with King
& Crawford their Cotton from the
Sabine - his course was disap-
proved and the Contract cancelled
He had no authority to sell permits
or to offer details for private cotton
the only detail which he requested

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT 186

BY TELEGRAPH FROM 186

To .....

Was referred by us. he has nothing more
to do with the business except that he
loaded on his train forty one bales three
months ago Not yet delivered The charge
against us of which your short is en-
tirely unfounded -

8 3/4 5 6 6 40 King & Co

Aug 1880

Contract with Mann

King & Co

Houston July 13. 1864

Copy.

Brownsville Sept 10. 1864

Lt Col. W A Broddwell
Chief Cotton Bureau. D W D Dpt.
Brownsville.

Sir. We propose to modify the conditional arrangement contemplated in the 5th clause of the letter addressed to Col in our name by Mr Le Grand on the 13th July last in the following manner.

1st. We will purchase and deliver to Mr T. W. Perkins our Agent at Matamoras, Army supplies, to be delivered by him, to the Amount of $200.000 to be paid in Sterling Exchange or advance him, if he prefers, that amount in Exchange for which we are to be allowed 25 pr ct profit or Commission.

2nd. We are to receive one half of the Cotton now in the Counties of Wharton & Austin — and also one half of the growing Crop, to be delivered to us by the Agents or Officers of the Cotton Bureau, baled and in good order; and we are to transport it and place it on shipboard at the Mouth of the Rio Grande Consigned to Mssrs Gu Fox & Co Liverpool, or some other house which may be agreed on. The proceeds to be equally divided in Liverpool after deducting from the gross proceeds of sales, the net proceeds freight and all charges accruing after the Cotton is placed on Shipboard: one half of such net proceeds to belong to us, as our compensation for transporting the Cotton and placing it on Shipboard, and the other half, after repaying therefrom the amount of our advances as above stated, viz. $200,000, to be paid to the order of any proper Officer of the Confederate States.

3rd. If the quantity of Cotton in the Counties above named, shall not delivered to us, fall below 5000 bales; the number of bales which may have been drawn therefrom by the Officers of the ~~Officers of the~~ Cotton Bureau, since the date of the original proposition, is to be made good, by deliveries to us, for transportation

a like quantity from the adjoining Counties.

4th If from any cause, the proceeds of the Government half of the Cotton so received by us, should not be sufficient to repay the amount due for the advance made by us, then a sufficient quantity of Cotton is to be delivered to us as soon as the deficiency is ascertained.

5th This proposition is to be taken in connection with that of July 13th 1864 above mentioned, and to be considered as a part or modification thereof; the Contractors to have the same rights and obligations as stated in that, to the extent of this modification.

6th In case of peace, or the cessation of the blockade before the Cotton delivered to us under this and the original proposal is all transported to the Rio Grande, the Amount due us and the mode of payment in Cotton or Money, are to be determined, if possible, by agreement with You; but if no agreement can be made satisfactory to all parties, then arbitrators are to be appointed, one by you, one by us, and a third by the two thus chosen, who are to decide as to the proper settlement, so as to allow us substantially a fair proportion of the profit, which would result of the original arrangement now proposed, were carried out during the War.

Yours Respectfully
Jesse Applegate
Thos Affleck
Thos. Affleck & Co.
Thomas, King & Co.

Matamoras 16th Sept 1864

Approved.

Wm M. Perkins Asst Commercial Agent will receive this advance of $ 200,000 and use it for Govt purchases as directed.

Capt C.C. Hills will deliver the Cotton of Wharton and Austin Counties to be acquired under the ratio of the

Treasury Office and obtain for it the receipts of Messrs Wm H Perkins who will take from Messrs Rice & Co such Vouchers as will enable him to account for the duty & the property allowed them as their compensation for transporting and placing on Shipboard the other half.

Out of the English proceeds of the remaining half retained by the Government the Amount due Messrs Rice & Co under the arrangement will be paid and the Settlement balance turned over to Maj. S. F Hunter on his official receipt in favor of Messrs Wm H. Perkins.

(Signed) W. A Bradford.
Lt Col C.

(Copy.)

Houston July. 13th 1864.

Lt Col W. A Broadnax
Chf q. M. Dist. Texas & Mex Expt
Houston.

Sir — The undersigned now associated under the style of King & Co for the present purpose and some of whom are interested in the firms of Kenedy, Stillman & King, King Kenedy & Stillman, McKenzie & Kenedy have been engaged in the transportation of Cotton for the Government, and now beg leave to modify the proposals made to You some days ago by Mr W. G. Hale in the following manner. — We propose

1st That the indebtedness of the Govt to Messrs Kenedy Stillman & King, on account of Army supplies furnished under the contracts made with them by Majr Chas Russell Chf Q M. West Sub Dist. Texas for the supply of the troops on the Rio Grande last year; also the indebtedness to Messrs Kenedy & Co for powder furnished to Capt Ford, Chief Ordnance Officer Dist Texas in November last; under an agreement with Capt Ford; and the indebtedness to Messrs K King & Co for the destruction of Cotton by order of Col Bradfute at Saluria &c be ascertained by Capt A. G. Wells A Q M in the manner already agreed viz that Capt Wells decide on the proper classification of the Cotton already furnished to the Contractors under the Russell Contracts and available to them viz 2424 Bales and estimate its value at the rate prior at points of delivery, and then state the balance due the contractors in specie, that he also ascertain the amount of Cotton due under the terms of the sale of Capt Ford, and the quantity of Cotton destroyed at Saluria; and on his report sufficient Cotton out of that now under your charge near Corpus Christi Texas, be delivered to the respective parties according to its fair specie value in payment of their demands.

2nd That we are to receive one half of the Cotton now in Matagorda County and One half the growing Crop, to be delivered to us by the Agents of the Cotton Bureau, Baled in good order; and we engage to export the same by placing it on shipboard at the

"Saluria"

mouth of the Rio Grande; paying all expenses from the time of the receipt by us to the being placed on shipboard and conveying it to Messrs Du Bay & Co Manchester or any other house that may be agreed, the proceeds to be equally divided, One half being retained by us, as our compensation and the other half, after deducting any other advances made by us stated below, to be subject to the order of some proper Officer of the Confederate States. The freight on shipboard of the English

~~charges to be promptly employed in the purchase of the Cotton~~

3rd We are to be entitled to the Govt facilities for the transportation of all the above Cotton, such as the detail of the men necessary for that purpose and protection to Wagons Teams & Drivers, and to like assistance in bringing supplies into the District; and we are to apply enough of the Baggage & Rope furnished to the Cotton Bureau by Kenedy Stillman & King to take the Cotton in Matagorda County.

4th We will advance by draft or in Coin as may be agreed on, upon the security of the Govt share of the Matagorda Cotton $20.000.— to Captain C. C Hills at Houston; $ 30.000 to Mr W. H. Perkins in Mexico and will purchase at Matamoras Army supplies to the Amount of $ 50.000 to be selected by Mr Perkins, and to be delivered by us at San Antonio, at the actual cost with 25% profit added and the actual freight charges: If it should be found that the Cotton Bureau could obtain out of Matagorda County, enough Cotton to repay out of the Govt share the foregoing advances, and also the further sum of $ 80.000.— then we will credit that sum on the contract of Messrs Kenedy & Stillman now existing to supply the troops on the Rio Grande — & so much should be due to them, after the payment or delivery to them of Five hundred Bales of Cotton per month for the first two Months supply under said Contract.

5th It agreement to take the Sabine Town Cotton in payment of the indebtedness to Kenedy Stillman & King depends upon the consummation of the proposition of Messrs Kenedy & King to purchase One half interest in the Steamer "Rose & Granite City" to be run

"Same rate"

on joint account with the Govt; if this is not carried out, then this indebtedness is to be liquidated by Cotton in Matagorda or otherwise to be assigned to us as stated below.

6th The above advances to be extended to $ 500.000 viz besides the foregoing $ 100,000 — to be invested in Bagging Rope $ 120,000 in the purchase of goods, servicable Mexican Mules at $ 60 — per head to be delivered at San Antonio $ 100.000; in the purchase of Army supplies in Europe under the control of the Govt, and the remainder to be invested in the purchase of supplies in Mexico under the direction of the Govt, all to be delivered by us at San Antonio at 25% profit on the actual cost freight & charges. We receiving as security One half the Cotton in Texas & other Counties say Wharton, Austin, Bastrop & Fayette to be transported and placed on ship board on the same time, as above stated in regard to Matagorda County, this Article only to go into effect upon Messrs Kenedy & Kinney & Gentlemen who are now present, being committed and assenting thereto.

7th Details to be arranged, so that the Cotton assigned to us in Matagorda County, shall be promptly delivered to us for transportation.

If this proposal & Contract meets Your views and seems advantageous to the service, and to the cause, which we are all bound to support we beg You to submit it to General Smith and request his approval as our absent friends will rely with great confidence in the exercise of any undertaking sanctioned by him.

We remain Very Respectfully Your Obt Servts.

R. King
Charles Stillman
M. Kenedy
W. J. Hale.

(Signed)
by W. G. Hale

"Confidential"

408 Cotton Bureau: Trans Miss Dept. Houston 14th July 1864.

Respectfully referred to Genl. E. K. Smith.

(Signed) W. A. Broadnax.

Lt Col.

Houston July 15th 64

Col. Broadnax Chf. Col Bureau is authorized accept this proposition.

(Signed) E. Kirby Smith

Genl.

Cotton Bureau Trans Miss Dept.

Houston 13th July 1864

X

Acceptance

Captain C. J. Wells will determine the quantity of Cotton now due Messrs King, Kennedy, Stillman as proposed and pay it out of the Govt Cotton in the Sabine River or elsewhere as provided. In the event that Cotton is interest in the Shannon Grande City & Ware are not sold then. He will direct one half the Cotton of Matagorda County set apart for delivery to Mess King & Co as rapidly as it can be required on the terms of this offer or under the orders from Dept Hd Qrs.

Wm M. Perkins will receive the advance of Fifty thousand Dollars in specie, and select Clothing & Blankets to the extent of Fifty thousand Dollars specie value in Matamoras, to be delivered the Government at San Antonio, within sixty days if possible.

Wm M. Perkins will receipt for to Capt. Wells for all the Cotton delivered to Mess King & Co under this arrangement. He will apply one half of it to the payment of transportation due King & Co for placing the one half retained by the Govt on shipboard at Matamoras - One half of the English proceeds of the other half Mess King & Co will be paid the advances above stated as also the ($12.500.) Twelve thousand Five hundred Dollars. profit on the $50,000 and expenses on said supplies to San Antonio, as will be indicated by the Certified account of the officer who receives them.

I am over.

Major Charles Russell will cause the transportation of King's Co
engaged on the removal of the Cotton to be protected as also
the detail of the men necessary. And Wm. A. H. Noble upon
the Certificate of Captain Wells or the necessary Vouchers being
filed will duly authorize the exportation.

Should this transaction be extended to $300 000 — as
contemplated Mr Perkins will receive the further advances
and the same measure will be extended with effect as to
the additional Counties.

(Signed) W. A. Broadwell
Lt. Col. C.

Approved
W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col

Washington 12th Dec 1862

Edwin Scott. Agent
for
Klug & Co.
840

In regard to details
and the flat boats on
Colorado River - built by
Wittenbury -

Sabinetown 12th Decr 1864.

Col. Wm. A Bodwell
Shreveport
La

My dear Sir

This will be handed you by W. J. Hill one of the agents of Hayes King & Co. of Brownsville: He visits Shreveport especially for the purpose of seeing you. To have the following men detailed; and also to get you to ratify the order of Capt. C. G. Wills for the flat-boats now here that were built by one Whittenburg, for the purpose of taking the Sabinetown Cotton down the River. I learn since my arrival here, yesterday, that one Capt Barrett, late Lt. R. here, has applied for three boats for the purpose of taking Corn down the River, Thos or is applying for the men as a detail for that purpose; Knowing they have been in charge of the boats, since they were built. The names of the men are

John G. Hammond (Pilot) who, I learn was detailed by one Andrew McKee, as pilot Lt. C.S. He belonged when detailed to the 1st Cavalry Sx. State Militia -

Davis Millen (who belonged when detailed) to Co. D 17th La. but since broken up.

Moses L. Salter (" ") to Carey's Battalion

To see Endorsement of Capt Wells order

which is also broken up
I hear that Capts Smoker & Moore are after
Hammonds. Please have them detailed & send me
the details by Mr Hill & as well as fixing the Papers
for the Boats, so that no Cape-hole will be left open
for Capt. Barrett & the other Smuggler
He shall have a hard row to hoe any way with the
Cotton here, & Capt Wells not only promised, but has
done every thing in his power to facilitate our getting
it away - But the ignorant do not seem to know who
Capt Wells is or that he has the authority: So I omit
to you, and as the Mails are so Tardy & uncertain, I
would send especially
I left Mr Hale in Houston last Wednesday: Capt King had
not returned from Matagorda where he had been attending
to the loading of the "Ida Davis" I have not heard of
her having, but we expected her to leave last week
Deeply not having seen you on your way east
but hope we shall meet again in more prosperous
& peaceful times. & Mr. Ripley has arrived, please present
my kind regards and accept for my dear Sir, assuran-
ces of the highest esteem & regard, while I have the
pleasure to remain

Very truly Yours

Edwin D. Sebly Agent
for King Kennedy & Co.
Brownsville

Hamilton July 11th 1863

King & Co

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Asks that Steamer Expansion
from taking one half board from
Troop Depth

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Little Rock Feby 13 186 6

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Pine Bluff Feby 14 186 6

TO Gen Cadwallader

Steamer Granite City is ready to load under contract with you. Collector at Cairo directs under Judge Drake instructions require her to carry half load from Memphis to Pine Bluff. Request Judge Drake to withdraw instructions. Answer.

Hamilton July 14th 1866

King & Co

1081

Asks that Stearns & Darling
from taking one half board from
Isaac Smith

Filed

San Antonio Dec 30 1864

Kingsbury

978

Request the details of
A. W. H. Sanford 33d Regt
Iowa. Cav

Application already made
for L.B. 931

San Antonio Dec 30th/64

Lt. Col. Wm R. Broadnax

Sir -

The services of Wm. A. W. A. Sanford of 33d Regt Tex. Cav. are necessary to assist in the removal of the cotton transfered by the Govt. to us for shipment to Europe, and I respectfully request that he be detailed, with orders to report to me for that purpose.

Mr Sanford is a Gentn of energy, capacity, & integrity, known throughout the State, and will facilitate me very much in carrying out my engagements. I therefore trust the detail will be made immediately. I remark that I have made but few applications for details, and in no instance when the services of the party were not necessary, and beneficial to the Govt. You will oblige.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
A. Bagby

Please send the detail to my address at San Antonio.

Houston 19th May 1846

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G. B. Erath

2245

Reporting the
adjustment of the
claim of himself
and officials for
supplies furnished
troops on the Rio Grande

Houston August-19th 1864

Col Bradwell

Dear Sir

I was very sorry not to meet you here as I made the trip from Austin the express purpose to see you. The letter which you wrote me pertaining to turning over to myself and associates Cotton to meet supplies furnished by us on the Central Rail Road and to furnish supplies to troops received by him as I am informed by Mr Hale. for the sake of the public interest as well as that of my associates it is obligatory upon me to inform you that we can no longer stand upon the exchanges of this Contract unless prompt steps are taken to comply with the engagements made to us by the Government. Mr Perkins informed Mr Hale that upon the Cotton on this side of the

Rio Grande had been pledged by him from the amount of Government Cotton at San Antonio and which may Rupee had Journeyed before I left but plede them must be more than sufficient to meet the models of the Government under the Contract suspended &c.

I hope Colonel that you will not misunderstand me in what I have written if I understand myself patriotism and the wish to sustain our Government and army and our cause has been my leading motive in all the business arrangements I have entered in to but however much I might be disposed to sacrifice my own future I do not feel that I have a right to coerce those who have associated themselves with me as they are probably aware that Hord is our agent

Most respectfully

A King

Hamilton Jany 29th 1865

W. King.

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Telegram. The "Granite City" is safe at Columbia Tenn

File

Cabt. A Bowling

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Shreveport La Aug 24 1865

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Houston Aug 24 1865

TO Lt Col D. A. Broadwell

The Granite City got into the Brazos
safe friday was chased off Galveston
& now aground at mouth of Brazos
but is now at Columbia uninjured

R King

2 Cpd 208"

Houston Apr 11 - 1865

1186

King & Co

1283

Telegram. Shirley had no authority to make contracts for King & Co. Charges are unfounded.

Dick

Copy.

Treasury Agency F. S. Office
Marshall 21 March 1865

Hon. Rob. Gray
Treasury Agent
Sir. I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from a Mr Thos. M. Pinkley of Hamilton this morning in which the following in substance appears. "Sir Mifflin King the owner purchased your cotton and got not only your own detail but one man for each 50 Bales you were due to them on the following terms. You "are to deliver your cotton within fifty miles of Millican and have it valued at 7¢ per "pound in Store they are then furnished you with a permit to carry it out, charging "you 6¢ per pound for the same to be deducted from the 7¢. and the remaining "one cent they are pay you in drafts on Brownsville. You and they then become "equal partners in the aforesaid lot of cotton and when sold the net proceeds "will be equally divided after paying all costs of transportation and insurance "refunds to send it to the nearest market and for selling it"

The person who is exhibiting this letter called on me to make arrangement to carry out the Rules of cotton speculation to help the Govmt in case of King & Co and when I informed him I could not ask for his detail and for others on the terms above mentioned some surprise that Mifflin King & Co should have confused on them privileges which the exigencies of the Military Service has denied to this Agency

Respectfully
Jno Orr Sutherland
Agent Bank
Asst Chief
F. S. O.

Copy

C. S. Nursing Agency, San Luis
Brownsville Texas Sept 25 65

Lieut Lily Smith
Thirty-first Ga
Lieut,

I respectfully enclose for your information a letter of this date from Capt Black agt U. S. Office giving me information of the privileges claimed and exercised by persons trying to be for Exporting Cotton.

They seem to be highly favored, especially in the matter of details more highly than even Govmt Agents authorized to trade for Govmt

I am also advised that they are shipping cotton by inland passages to Corpus Christi evading and defying compliance with the lawful regulations.

Also that they claim the right of free exportation by law under their contract or some other authority unknown to me

x x x

Very Respy &c
(Signed) Wolfenstein
Surg agt

Official
Isaac Monroe
asc

Copy

Head Quarters Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport La April 8th 1865

Colonel

Lt Genl Commdg directs me to enclose extract of a letter from Gen Forney Chief Agent of 23d ult together with a letter from Capt Black to Judge Perry of same date, who instructs me to say that you will furnish him all the information in your possession on the subjects alluded to especially in relation to the contract and privileges granted King & Co

Lawrence
Asst Adjt Gen
Inspr Gen
John G. Breen Jr
aide

Lieut Wm Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Arkansas State Telegraph Company
Received at Shumpert April 13th 1865
By Telegraph from Houston April 11th 1865
To R. R. Cox

Shirley had a contract with King & Co to transport their cotton from the Sabine. His course was disapproved and the contract cancelled. He had no authority to sell permits or to offer details for private cotton. The only detail which he asked was refused by us. He has nothing now to do with the business except that he loaded on his train forty one Bales three months ago not yet delivered. The Charge against us of which you speak is entirely unfounded.

King & Co

A true Copy
D. R. Shirley Capt. Asst.

D. Ripley Esq. Shreveport April 9 1865

Sir! I herewith return the papers from the Quas. Dept. which you this day submitted to me, & in compliance with your request, would state, that Mr. Thos. M. Shirley is unknown to me, & that I have no information of his being in any way associated with King & Co., or having authority to make propositions in their name.

King & Co. possess no "privileges of detail" other than those granted at Dept. Head Quarters to any other contractors with the Govt.

The charge that King & Co. are "evading & defying compliance with the lawful regulations"; & claiming ~~the~~ re & exercising the right of free exportation by sea", must result from lack of correct information, as I am advised that the "Granite City" has gone to sea with a partial load of Govt Cotton - & that the "Wave" has been purchased by King & Co. under the approval of its ~~authorized~~ authorities at Houston, & is now gone to the Rio Grande.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
R. Rose.
Agt. for King & Co.

Springfield 8th April 1865

Lieut Col Comstock.
Corps of Engineers
Dear Sir.

I desire to submit the enclosed papers (from the Treasury Dept referred to this office from Dept No 245) to you in advance of forwarding them to Col Broadhead Ch Draughtsman, with the request that you will furnish any information you possess in regard to the operations of Messrs King & Co referred to therein.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
D Ruppert
Asst Engr

Houston 10th Aug. 1864

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S. M. Kleiber

In regard to the claim
of Kleiber & Co
for drugs

Houston August 10 1864

Col W. A. Broadwell

Sir

It is now nearly one year ago since we furnished Surgeon W. Smith a large supply of Medicle Stores, to be sent for in cotton, At the goods were delivered the Cotton Office was being established and Dr Smith promised that as soon as the Office was properly Organised We should be paid, We have received upto present date about three Hundred bales, or about one third of our Claim, We have since Sold to Col Hutchings goods to the amount of two Hundred fifty bales more, on a/c of Which We have received thirty seven bales of cotton

The delay in not receiving our pay for the Medicle Supplies has not only seriously damaged us but has also been very unpleasant on account of the parties Who furnished us the goods, and Who do not seem to realize the dificulties Which had to be overcome since the goods Were delivered We had scarcely flattered Ourselves that from

present aperances We could soon look
for a full settlement of our claims, When
We Were notefied, that Living Subject to
Conscription We Must go to Camp. This
Object would be next to ruin to us at present
as not only our Means but our Credit
is put in Jeopardy. and as We cannot
think the Government intends any such
Expostures We concluded to lay this Matter
before Yours in Hopes that You will
Assist as Hand at Least, Relieving us from being
put into Camp until the above Claims
Can be Settled

Very Respectfully
H. Mc. Kleiber
for J. & H. Kleiber & Co

Dec 11th 1864.

Lt. L. Evans 8th

Asking relief for cotton
impressed at Brownsville
via E.B. 106.

Respectfully
I have no objection
to Letter Clauses
of these descriptions
may first signified
directed all applic. by
a Jubilee, or
presented to Congress
R. Bloomfield
I have been informed
that the Secretary is
such cases to pay
for the Signing of
the Schedule Letters
passed by the Commissioners
for Quieting Titles in
accordance with
the instructions of
of Congress.
W. H. Broomfield
Dr. Clerk

SB
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Shreveport March 4/64

Col

Sir

Last Spring Gen Magruder contracted with us to convey some cotton to Mexico sell & bring back supplies to repair & preserve our boats & supplies for the Govt. Since then the Govt ordered that I & Boyce to Brownsville should convey the Govt to Brownsville loaded & bring back ordnance & Ordnance Stores & all expenses on it up to capture of Red River — We sold the balance of Cotton at 36¢ bales averaging 500 lbs to the bale making $5.40 in specie now held for us, some 4 to 5 months

Now I propose for you to pay me that part in Cotton due me in Brownsville with privilege to export it in Mexican vessels so as to enable me to buy supplies to repair & preserve my boats in ordnance & Red River (four boats) for which they are decaying & going to waste & that you will refund my Brothers to deliver me the said Cotton or obtain for you their receipts for Gen Boyce's proportion of the proper same time after

Respectfully
G L Rogers Pilot
Red River Boats C.S.

Col W. T. Brownell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

Camden 24th Jan 1864

[redacted] L Kenney

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-Requesting the purpose
of purchasing Cotton
East of the Pamlico
River & Delivering them
to Mines in lieu of
those Mish up Cloth
Stamps -

Feb

Camden Ark Jan 23/64

Col W A Broadwell
Chief of Staff
Sir

I think in loading Maynard's bid of cotton on the east side of Ouachita & up the bayous that I could buy & load on the boat from the same landings a good deal of cotton from the citizens at reasonable prices - which I think would be good policy to exchange with Maynard for sale of his cotton on the west side - which has been hauled back from the river

You could send an agt to go up the bayous on the boat. or instruct me to buy for you subject to your orders write to me ad Fenters & Monroe - I think by this means considerable cotton might be taken from those & more points - a large amt of Maynards cotton lies on Bayou Bartholomew & Boeff River

Respectfully
G L Rouse

Jackson 26th Jany 1864.

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Gn L. Knows

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In relation to the introduction of goods from Memphis to be paid for in Cotton in Bayou Bartholomew & on the Ouachita River. Asks an Agt to assist him in the prosecution of his plans. Information obtained from the P. Reb. at Camden engaged in this trade. Wishes a guarantee obtained that a boat coming within our lines with such would be protected by our troops &c. Wants the "Guarantee in plain words."

File

Camden Jan 26/64

Col W. A. Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

Sir

I have just consumated arrangements & sent agts to Memphis & the west to buy Goods & they probaly will want Cotton on Bayou Bertholomew to pay for them - if we should bring the goods from the Miss river to the Bayou & down to Ouachita river with a small steamer - can go by water within 12 miles of the Miss with a boat - Cotton in Drew & Ashley Counties alls will suit this arangement perhaps I could dispose of your Cotton on the alls river if I knew where it was - I wrote Block & he writes me he has sent an agt to you if he has not left Camden you will send him over here to help me in carrying out my plans Maj Brindle Chf Q.M. here has given me a great deal of information in regard to

26th Jan 1864 Sent

getting goods in for Cotton &
they are now getting goods in the
Same channel here - If they can
not make arangement to get
a load of goods in at the mouth
of Red River will then with through
Bayou Bonthdeman route as proposed
unite to me to Trenton can of the
Ford Motor in Council I leave
by boat to day for that point.
I think I will Succeed - there is
only one thing I see in the
way to prevent it - & that is Col
O Bannon did not insert in his
letter to me in plain words
that any boat Coming within
our lines would be protected while
within & guaranteed to go and with
the Cotton he refused to give me
that because he did not give it
to others. Which would be no ex-
-Cuse if he wants the Goods. I find
by Conversing with Gun Officers there
that are posted so say that is the only
thing to prevent me making the thing
work - See if you can get it in plain
words & send to Trenton Ga with your
answer Respectfully

L. L. Rouns

Shrewsbury 16th May 1864

G. L. Kenrick

Referring to the removal
of the Attendance Registers.

Shreveport May 16/64

Lt Lon Smith

Dear Sir

I am under contract with Mr Joseph Monroe to transport his cotton from Quachita River to the mouth near the Missippi River

He advises me from Monroe that he is now ready for me to carry it to Harrisonburg & put it out there. And before I make any more work to know that I am right & if any contrary orders has been issued to some one any unnecessary of persons as matters have very Materialy changed since I was on Quachita for that purpose of transporting Cotton for Mr Monroe and emploting supplies on my contract with Col O Bonham If at Leisure would like with a brief interview with you on the subject before I leave this morning

Respectfully

G L Downs Asst
Red River Dep't & Co

Natchitoches 20 Nov 65

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S. R. Labatt.

800

Enclosing an order
for 20.405 lbs Cotton

I hereby bind myself, and assigns not to move the within mentioned Cotton, or attempt to export it, until after the conclusion of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and United States

Houston, June 18. 1864.

J K Latch

Cotton Claim. mile Cox to Govt
U.S. Agt

Head Quarters Texas Cotton Office
Houston, June 18. 1864.

Lt Col H. A. Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau, Dept. T. H.
Shreveport, La.

Will deliver to S. K. Labatt,
(20,405) Twenty thousand, fourhundred and five
pounds average Cotton - say Forty three Bales -
to be taken by him at fifteen cents per pound.
in full payment of my certified account in
his favor for ($3.060.74) Three thousand and
Sixty 74/100 dollars - the same to be surrendered
to you upon delivery of the Cotton..

$3.060 74

W. J. Hutchins
Lt. Col & Chief -

20405/49
192
820
301
195

Natchitoches Nov 20th 1864

Capt Black

Sir

I send by my Brother J. K. Labatt a certificate and an order on you drawn by Lt Col Broadnell for forty three Bales of Cotton which cotton is not to be moved until a treaty of peace is signed between the United States and Confederate States of America Cotton may be now Risky in case of another invasion I therefore beg you will give me cotton that may be in some of the Upper Counties of Texas, in the Parishes of Bossier & Claiborne, and cotton which is marked if possible, please deliver to Mr Labatt the order for the same and he will turn over to you order and certificate,

And oblige Yours Respectfully

P.S. It is understood this is the Property of Spaniards

J K Labatt

of Reyes y Labatt
Habana Cuba

Dec 8/64
order on R.R. Madden Buckhorn P.O. Bremil Pa for 48 Bales Cotton 20405 lbs. sent to J.K. Labatt Houston Tex to be delivered upon this receipt certificate &c in hands of Col Hotchkiss

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S. R. 2 Statt.
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Distal [illegible]
in regard to the
detention of Cutter

Arkansas State Telegraph Company

Dec 7 1864

By Telegraph from Magnolia 7 1864

To Col T E Isbell

Col Hutchins refuses to
give provisions for the train
of 2 Infantry Companies of
Cavalry & says that only an
order from Genl Smith
will answer. Will you
please obtain it for me
& telegraph it me the
the result

38/2 M 30 40

S K Fabait

Published Jan 18 1875

D. R. Lamplugh

1872

Reports 5000 or 6000 Bales Cotton on hand in refined Condition

Has delivered Moore Brothers 631 Bales and 117 Bales

Fine

Dalhart Texas January the 18th 1865

Col W. A. Bradwell

Dear Sir

yours of the 15th Inst is at hand and in reply to your request I will say that there is now at this place about fifteen Hundred Bales of cotton in shipping order and about Three Thousand Bales in bales in not fit to be shipped some with from Two to four ropes off of Each Bale and not much loss in it- There is also about fifteen Hundred Bales of loose cotton making in all Some five or six Thousand Bales all of which is in an unprepared and damaging condition, I have delivered per your order to Myers Smith Some Seven & Hundred and Sixty One Bales of cotton weighing Two Hundred and ninety four Thousand nine Hundred and Twenty lbs. (294.920) out of this number we weighed only Three Hundred and Sixteen Bales and made the average of the Bale and have also delivered to Myers Smith & Myers One Hundred and Seventeen Bales for Samuel more on their Boats Land and have To day Gone Respectfully J. R. Lambeth
Assistant

I also inclose to you Receipt for one hundred
Bales & retane one for 18 Bales for which Mr
Lanier has one for the same withing an
order & upon it 18 Bales more for the yar
with Regard to the one hundred J. B. Campbell

Pulaski Dec 18th 1865

J. R. Sampling Supt

9442

Has delivered to ~~me~~ this date 400 Bales cotton (on order of 8th Dec 64) weighing 186074 pounds and in receiving the numbers they reported 58 Bales as ~~more~~ damaged - Asking information in regard to their right to reject cotton to guide his action in delivering the balance of 331 Bales

Responsible for
all refused Cotton
Gins Belts Right
& Left Lumber
Cast-iron Right
& Left Pulleys
Etc

Pulaske Jan 12th 64-

Col Brandell Sur

I drop you a few lines to let you no that. I have made 180 bales cotton for Some for Moore and tha onley average 4.42½ lb to the bale and as thare are in a hurry to get down the river I wish to no of you if you are willing to let them have the rest of the cotton without wayin and make the averg & I wish to no if tha have to take the cotton if damaged the

your Respectfully

J. R. Lansdale

Agent in Cargo

1095.

I can say to you that
thare is Some of it badley
damaged I have fand Some
purfect cotton and tha refuse
to receve the Same

yours

Pulaski 23d Aug 1864

1096

J. R. Lamplay Agt.

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Referring to the Condition
of the Grist Mills, and
the Shops at Pulaski.

Tulocta Texas aug 23Th 64

Capt Black

Sur

I have ben at This plase for Several days and I find all of the cotton at This plase much exposed to the wether as all of the sheds is out of order and to replase the cotton from the wether all the rufes will be to bild of a new as the rufes is faling of and the rafters rotten and to repare them it requires much worke

yours Respect

J R Lampley

act agit

Rio Grande City
9th Sept 1897

Lt L. H. Lane

2254

In reply and to the
action of Enrolling
officers —

Stated upon
for file at
Thompson
W. H. B

Rio Grande City 9 Sept 1864
Agency of Exps C. Office

Sir,

I beg respectfully to call your attention to the injury inflicted upon the Cotton office & through it the interest of the Government by the action of the Enrolling officer at this point. Under his Construction of his orders & duty he is arresting & enrolling all teamsters arriving at this point, whether detailed or not in charge of Government or other Cotton - I know of a train being left two days in the streets here - without attendance, the drivers being in the guard house. The Enrolling officer deems it his duty to keep the men under guard, until a sufficient number is collected others to forward them into the interior under close guard. He now has a number under guard, The effects of this, will be first - the loss of teams from neglect, next - the abandonment of Cotton along the road by teamsters, Already I learn of two trains of say 180 bales so abandoned & this day 65 Bales came in under drivers hired here the owner of the train having been with it when the teamsters left. I also am to be short 43 Bales shipped from Laredo to this Office is abandoned some twenty five miles from this; When the drivers own the waggons they will abandon the Cotton

and return to the interior. I have heard it estimated that one half of the Cotton this side San Antonio will be thrown off. this may be exaggerated, but there is no question if the news of this indiscriminate Conscription, violation of particulars is carried up the road any great injury will be done other effective operations of the Cotton Office be retarded Capt Jones the Commandant of the Post, whom I know to be unusually vigilant & attentive, informs me that he knows great injury is being done & putting out of view the obligations of the Govt to keep faith with these men - on the sole ground of interest, suggests that these men be allowed to return home with their teams with orders to report to the Enrolling officers of their respective districts And the officers here might advise the E. officers of the Counties of their residence of the orders given them - Capt Jones also informs me that he has not the men to furnish guards, as it will take twenty five men at least to make a proper escort - The consequences of delay in receipts of Cotton you can fully appreciate & I can only repeat, my conviction that unless the actions of the Officers here be Modified, any great delay will ensue As an evidence of the inefficiency or rather indisposition manifested at the Command of Capt Jones - for a

proper protection of the Corpus of the Rio Grande
a large quantity of Cotton reported at three
hundred bales or more has been caught at Roma
Corpus the same quite a quantity having always
escaped - the Collector there claiming I am told
that the Cotton office was efficient - Whether this Cotton
is paying "permitted" or not I am not advised
but Capt Jones informs me that it will take two
Companies to keep up proper police from Edinburg
to Redmonds -

I respectfully suggest that you lay these facts
before the Com'r Gen of the Customs for his action
which I hope will be speedy -

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Lt Col W A Rhoades
Matamoras

D M Law
Lt 8th Cav
on duty T C Office

I have just learned that the 48 bales mentioned, is on the
farm of Mr Mary Williamson. Her house the land Master &
a few acres of the cotton. Some into town about of the house
was examined, & is not allowed to leave the town, even to bring
the bales in; the Customs Knowing these facts have timed
the attack not to gauge, would not come in
I have this from the Attorney,

Malaunay Jan 9th 1865

Lieut Colonel

A 1011

Asking appointment as Sub Inspector machinery in Europe

file

Natchez 9 Jany 1864

My Dear Sir

Your favour is just received & I will answer it soon, just now I have only a moment to write Butler the Hog-Eye Lincoln intends to build a Cotton Mill & will send an Agent to Lyon to get the Machinery. by this Mail I address a communication in my favour for the Office I know something & expect to say about the matter as you know, my Commercial experience makes me as fit as any one I think to do the duty well, Indeed I do not believe any one can be had as well fitted as myself for the place I am sure my expenses on such a trip would be less than almost any other, for I have no use or love for luxuries which would cause me spend the money in hand. I wish to go promptly because I have been lately informed that if I would personally manage my 3000 bales shipped in Oct I could be the gainer. but if I did not know that I was employed I would not accept the place. I suppose Maja Haynes will have the appointment of person. Will you aid me in the matter

P.S. don't want you to go to Richmond for

Sincerely Yours

[illegible]

Natanmas 6th Decr 1864

1099

Lt L N. Lane

877

In regard to his pay
is specie to date from
June 64—
Cotton matters at that
point difficulty of
supplying the troops on
the frontier.

File

Lt Col W. H. Rockwell

Natchez 6 Dec 1864

My dear Sir

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. B. Adolphus, which turns to assist the matter as far as my meaning of this money is concerned. This is a very great disappointment to me, for I have been hoping to have good tidings from that point for a speedy return - my wife is very desirous to pay me a short visit. I am as desirous as she can be to have her come, anticipate of her taking the "Cars" that can be managed, but I have had to refuse her request for the want of means to pay her expenses. My family are living on the products of the garden half of the wages of the negroes (three) who remain at home & the aid of those & relations, who say they shall not want for anything as long as they have a dollar. Now all this is very satisfactory as far as it goes - but it brings me under a sacred obligation to pay the debt if ever able to do so. & I will not for a moment gratify curiosity instead of it, having no means in view to repay ~~of those~~ advances of kind & generous friends. but I still I have some behind my pay - & have a poor chance of catching up. I think I wrote you that I had not drawn your order on Mr Watkins, to pay me 100$ pr month - because I was fearful it would give you trouble & perhaps be charged to you - Now will you understand me as being entirely sincere, that if this can be managed in any way without involving you in any way. I will be thankful if you will procure the order to me & make it - come back to Some the last date I drew pay - If an order could be got from Gen Sherman the amount will be sent -

If I do not get to see my wife soon, the chances are I never will. You will therefore appreciate my feelings on reading Shepherds letter as I was Banking on that deposit. I think I have been very unjustly dealt with in the Jury re Matter If it was only necessary for the Army, not a Cripple & the more actually got it I would not care so much. I know I am helpless. And shall try to do my duty - as tho' my rights had been respected - We are receiving Cotton pretty fair but it is very hard to sell except at very low prices - say 35m for the most of what we get. We paid 42c B/c in the hands of Dreyfus Bellino & Co. as they said they could sell that among to one of their Customers, they got holders from Houston giving last hopes of their Claim for 63000 & said they would hold one to the Cotton, to pay it. Here was a fix. We did not want to go to Law if to be avoided. The precaution was taken when the contract was turned over to them to give a Memorandum of parties the process were to go to, as we took high ground, & finally got them to take 1000 B/c @ 40c. Claim 53000. Bagging & Rope. bought to amount 20c. 22000. Cash 28000. balance exchange @ 10%. which we used @ 109. the Cotton did not average Good ordinary & could not have been sold @ over 33c. We gave them every thing we had & they objected to only 7 bales which I replaced with Mid Cotton. At the present Market price Ord Low Mid say 36c to 37c. they do not get over 60c per dollar for their Claim & in reality it costs nothing a case of Bitter bit - We paid it any how to sell to come forgiveness, & help Baughn - home and have 20000. one year left. She has children to 12000$. Have some 500 bales on hand & many as much Cotton this & R S City & if we can sell what we have on hand will be pretty easy - here - I have taken charge of the Cotton & the Claims & something

I am ignorant of the purports of the Cotton Office, but I think things will go right if the Military take off Gen L. is pushing P. hard to close R R rd. Contract. & furnish the Commissary himself P is sure if he does not do it.- Gen L. will petition into Cotton "Nolens volens." & the result is we will have to submit & perhaps Major Lee will take charge of the purchasing- P has fought this matter hard, but time seems no help- What are we all to do after February - Shut up shop- I have a letter from the Mayor & am very glad to hear of his safe arrival at San Antonio He asks me to join him in the fabric- which as far as the work & speculation goes I would very much like to do, I formed quite a friendship for him & would like very much to be with him, I shall write to him today in a day or so- & if things admit I hope to join him ere long- The principal row is Putnis- & the hope I have of seeing my wife before I leave her- for when I leave I will not only not see, but will my very heart from her, I think the Mayor & I could work together without a big quarrel, indeed I dont think we belong to the quarrelling order, but rather the acting

In Conclusion let me say if you interest yourself in my behalf, do not do any thing to involve yourself Please to say to the Bluck my appreciation of his kindness to me, & asking your forgiveness for this long scrawl

I am Respectfully

Yr Loving Friend

[signature]

April 25th 1904
L M Lane
Hamilton
Attached to Ans
Letter B.K. April 29th 04
+ Cash & Book—

W C Black Esqr — Houston August 25th 1864

Thompson

Dear Sir

I have in the hands of J McBride of Camden Arkansas the steamer which he was directed to exchange for sugar Cotton, but as the 12th inst) he has not done so & still has the vessel in hand. On that day he telegraphed that he should place it in the hands of L M Brail for safety — & I presume he left Camden before the enemy came there —

I am ordered to [redacted] Grande & have no opportunity of giving this matter attention. I do not know until the fall of New Orleans made an effort to make a dollar. this end is of importance to me, as I have no other means I can look to to meet my expenses —

May I crave the circumstances ask you to take the matter in hand & endeavour to communicate with Camden & ascertain whether the sugar was destroyed or not And if still on hand, I wish it at once sold & the proceeds remitted to you, On receipt of the proceeds hold them subject to my order, but please inform J & Land. Atty. Thrasher Co — on your receipt of them as he will probably have an order for them Cotton if evacuated by the enemy. I suppose will soon be commenced by you will write your place & you can learn all particulars by telegraphing J M Brooks or L M Brail, Spare no expense in getting the matter closed up & if necessary employ some one to go to Camden to look after it —

I enclose an order on Brooks & Brail to hold the matter subject to your order & on receipt by

of this I hope you will give it your immediate attention, I will arrange with Mr A B Price to pay you all outlay, or should he not be in Shreveport a note from you to Mr B St Stephens of this place, will furnish the funds I would not presume to ask this of you, but I know of no one about Shreveport I could apply to. And if attended to at all it should be done at once

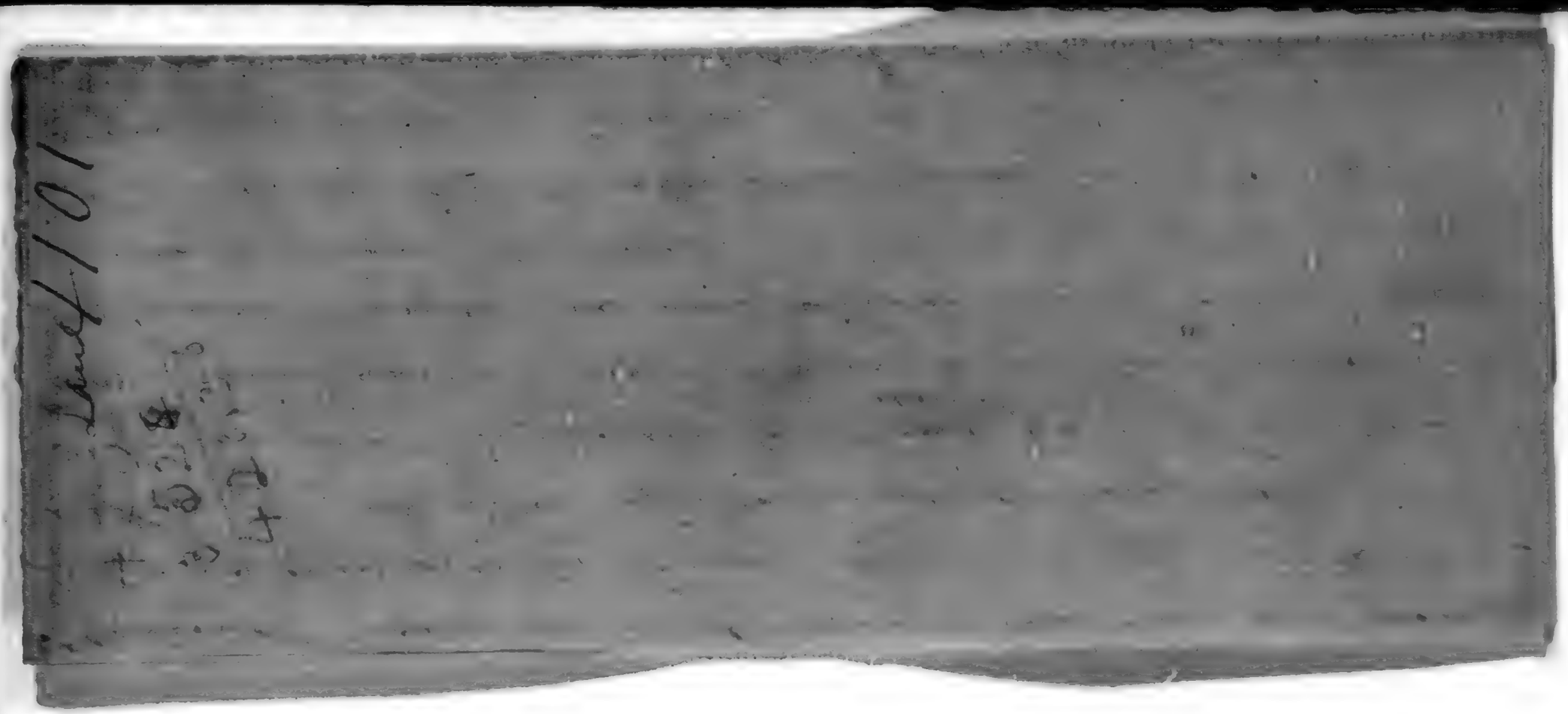
Please write to me at Eagle Lake as soon as you gain information, also inform Mr B St Stephens of this place, what you have the facts of the case, he may be able to communicate with me sooner than you can,

Perhaps myself will leave on Wednesday for the Rio Grande, your reply to this will find me there

Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

L Mc Laws



Rough Copy. (6. outside and)

Monterey Oct 21. 1864

Sir

During our Conversation last night I repeatedly professed to relieve you of the responsibility of your business to this City. & asked you to turn over to me the necessary documents to enable me to carry the matter out. Having failed to elicit any reply to these repeated offers, I now beg to inform you, that I have prepared transportation and am ready to start at an hours notice with the public property in your charge —

I have only to say that delay in this matter inflicts great injury to the public service, & Col Brandreths instructions (verbal) to me are of such a character I cannot have entered any means on my power to carry them out. Your objections of "double duties" I do not consider of material moment —

I now repeat my offer to relieve you of the charge & to give you transportation with it. to the Ris Enemies & beg you to give me an answer at once for I shall have to obey —

I enclose Col Brandreths instructions to me which please return —

Very Respectfully

A Mackay Lt Col

on duty D C office

Mr & Reply

2 Mr Agents

Enemy

Case 1102

Ponta Rio Grande City Nov. 2nd 1864

My dear Sis —

[illegible] I say share of the Spanish trip is over — for with its phases "fussing" or Equestrian I must refer you to the Major, who is rather silent, but who can if he will give you a good laugh. Anyway I hope you will not dismiss him entirely as one of the Captains of our Texas militia. Not forgetting the three headed woman & also Mr Richly's Colt — if ever I pass round one such trick again please give me a call of pocket pistols of an heavy dangerous argument, to be used when all others have failed, I will not attempt to explain away the sensations we have endured, but it was inspiration which caused us to ask the Major Company. I fear my report of facts would have been doubted. Anthony himself I fear sometimes would have been damaged & as for the boy long since returned to Texas as unfit handed as he went. Don't you like his report of such a trip. ? —

But not one angry word has passed. but if we are ever thought it is due to Rock Island mostly. for such notoriety was given to our business (not by us) to have Comanches all the bandits of Mexico on our route — Will you take it amiss if I express the opinion that "N York drummers" will not do for all occasions, for display. ok. but they talk too much & too long & do not always return to trade —

The Major & I have not quarrelled — he does just as he pleases I do the same: it does not make much difference which side of an argument he is on as "two tother" dislike

that was always my reputation. He said expenses
must be kept down on account of the hard times
for we got on together famously. but I have an objection
to him, he wants to do all the work & pay all the damages
I like to get a few Cannons - I shall have in a
day or two for Natchez & hope I will get something
to do there. Ah if we only could get into
something to do with the army of Constantinople &
don't Caesar what it is or where for must that Capt
Lynch is at Brownsville Pitchers if needful
upon need be I could defend Matagorda Peninsula
manned to be loaded

I am very truly
Lieut Col
and Aid Genl

W. H. Brandon
Thompson
La

E. Pollard

Matamoras. Feby 26. 1865

L. M. Law

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Enclosing order of Gen Slaughter prohibiting the crossing of Government cotton

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Head Qrs West Tab Dist Texas.
Brownsville Texas Feb 26. 1865.

Special Orders
No 46

II. No Government Cotton consigned to Col H. N. Perkins Special Asst War Dept or other Govt Agent will be permitted to cross the Rio Grande into Mexico except by Special permission from these Head Qrs

By direction of Commanding Officer of Districts Posts and of those in charge of Govt Cotton Yards is specially called to this Order

Col H. N. Perkins
(Asst War Dept.)

By Command of
Brig Genl J. E. Slaughter
Signed L. G. Schuyler
A A Genl

a true Copy

Matamoras 26 Feby 1865

Dear Sir

Yours has received and in proceed to state my recommendation to Capt. Tabor, he bases his selection entirely on the probability of my being able to locate. I have in the morning for Brownsville and will be able to get him, that done he will immediately, but I have very little hope of getting him to locate and two months at least. His family is yet in Brownsville and have permission to leave.

My object in this letter is to ask you to do me the favour to use your influence in Richmond or the proper place to have me appointed to the office held by Tabor, the ~~[illegible]~~ duties of which I understand, if permanently located I will be enabled to offer my family a home & will of course have from New Orleans, Tabor left them in very hard circumstances, & it would be a great relief to me to have them with me, I understand I am recommended but will not be relied, I do not want to leave the Government service, if I can be of use - & in this position I am sure I can be much more than at any place I know of - Will you if not too troublesome do to keep me informed & can do anything else at this end to locate me permanently. I care not where. Name me for it, I would even be willing to go to & Mexico if located, What I mean is this, I want to be of use, as long as I can any where & any way. & all I ask is to have the privilege & ability to support my family with me. I am of the opinion that a tax will be put on Cotton, & you may be able to assist me to some of the duties - Let me offer a suggestion, Let there be a special Collector for the tax at each Port of export, not appointed by the Collector of Customs or any way subject to him - The owner of the Cotton first will go to the Collector of Customs get his permit - & pay the 1/8 tax, take the Permit to the Special Tax

Collector, & pay the Special tax. The Collector under on the summit so paid his Cert. & signing his Initials which is to be good only when signed by the Collector of Customs & Tax Collector. The Permit should contain the Exporters name, mark & weight of Cotton (amt of export duty & Special) tax. The books of the two offices should always be checked one with the other, as the Particulars of the Permits and Certificates should be the same - C.H. Permits and only certify that A.B. has paid the duties. No Amt is named. My idea has been that that tax should be levied for & Collected by the War Department

Yesterday Genl S. made a requisition for supplies for C. Stevens, Marshall & Byrnes Regt & declined to furnish them under any instructions or letter to Col Hatchings of the Jurg Bank. Genl S. says he should levy Cotton, he had already issued orders that the Planters Cotton should be impressed to pay Kennedy for supplies clothing. but when his officers went to the gins the Cotton & their impressed was not there, we had suspicion had burned the Cotton ours. What with Torpedoes Explosions on the side & engines or rather some of it on the other we have not water constantly but we hope to get matters well cleared up -

I wanted Genl Lee to join me here on the 5th go he wanted, but left Dec but was disappointed of getting the Blockading fleet & C. & I also expected to have my wife come out, I hope not to be long on the Potomac hope, & will get off of it - hope to get settled - Kennedy has gone to his Genl City to prepare for Putnam at the Rate of 150 per month - He says he has been told you have letter against him, & he thinks unjustly by his statement of the facts he has, I do not think you will concur with

Genl S. has sent to the Secretary of War no Communication come to Genl Lee from Richmond

R. E. Lee

Matamoros 13th Nov 1864

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L. N. Lane Lt

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Referring to cotton
matters on the Rio
Grande - Purchases
positions &c &c

H Matamoras, 18th Nov 1864.

Dear Dear Sir

I found on my arrival here the cotton in a dead condition, which will I fear continue some time. And if by accident McClellan is elected, it will surely declare, for this has hammered down 40,000 to pay freights. Cotton is coming pretty freely, no money on hand, & heavy freights to pay. Unless the Market brightens very much, it will be hard to see enough to pay freights much left to buy goods on hand to the interior. Prices range from 36/39 ℔ & extremely dull.

Respects Regards J Blue arrived this morning, we learn that the Cotton Office dies on the 1st July. although I have always pursued a direct tax to any other plan I do not think it the best. the new Treasurer will suppose the matter for time the present plan would have worked pretty well, & with all its faults, it had the recommendation of being in the hands of honest men. If there is not a change in the Treasury Office we shall, perhaps settle good with the Govt. can get out of it. I do not believe that there is one officer of the Customs on the Rio Grande but if it be Ramon who is not a speculator, makes all the money he can out of his position regardless of the interest of the Govt. I have the reputation of having I am told caused Mr Latham & Co. to halt. If I did not it was not for want of the will. In the new Organization if you have any influence get the whole concern overhauled & some life put to accommodation put in their places

I saw Capt Lynch pay the two Inspectors Johnson & Dunphy at Brownsville ten dollars to assist say four waggons loaded with Govt goods to camp the first night after they leave The latter have been on this side the river ever since the fall of Brownsville, & ought not to be an officer of the Govt I am told a Northern man. in fact many all of them are Northern men, I often wish that I had the suspension of their apts.

Perkins tells me you wrote to him relative to position here, & that he had not answered the letter, He is desirous on the subject of being an applicant for office or position - but if there is any position out there you think it he will fill to the advantage of the Govt just order him to it. You will find some way to get him to accept. And as for myself I am content any where, but anxious to fill my place I am preparing to the Govt & cordially & myself If I can do the latter I must try it.

It is unkind to suppose I should tell you what I desire to act on your order to Perkins to pay me advance pay. I gladly appreciate & thank you for your kindness for the money would be very acceptable, but I know that as soon as the regulations I am entitled to my $80 dollars per month, you would be open to argument & also provide him the clerk charged to you -

I hope you will do my motives justice in this matter officially as to expectations, pursuits, my wife family

coming out to see me, for I know not the reasons
for paying his expenses. this I take from that she enclosed
a return envelope bearing the "auth" compelled me
to refuse her request—

but the changes to take place
what becomes of you, Why not take charge of
the Texas matters on the Rio Grande, I do wish you
would. The Govt credit is a thousand times better
than it was in August at this period, or rather it
now has some credit. Is it not a pity the men
who have begun this Reclamation could not continue
I fear when it is known the office is closed, our Cotton,
goods & money will be seized by Creditors of the Govt
& put us to Litigation,

I shall not have this plan
again for some time, & will close by again
asking you to have me put anywhere I can
do of the most use.

I am very truly
Yours
Thos. Jefferson Green

I do not speak by the card, but I think there
will be no difficulty in getting Parkins to accept
any position you may choose. provided
he does not have to many points to reconcile
orders from— If you will not accept it I
think he would make an admirable Collector N.O. of the Customs
if he could have

Y. has just told me, while writing to B. & Stephenson to see him that he was willing to stay here in any position he could be useful in -

I the Lord going to Bruce's Cotton Factory

if we who manages it -

Rec'd Grant [illegible] Jany 2/104

L. H. Lane

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Referring to Consigning Specie
from Monterey. Incls
Reply vs Count of
Adby Endorsed Copies of
Letters between himself &
Reply

Rio Grande City Nov 2d 1864

Colonel

I have the honor to report, that in obedience to your Order of 26th Inst I left on the morning of the next day for Monterey, arriving there on the 2d October left again on the 24th for this point with Mr Ripley & other proofs of the "drafts" marked Camargo on the 31st ult at which place to day - being delayed by absence of the Camargo Custom House on the 1st inst being "All Saints day"

Mr Ripley in Company with Major Broadwell will leave in the Morning for Matamoros

The time consumed in execution of this service has so far exceeded your expectations I may add my own if I do not state the general causes of delay should be stated.

Mr Ripley did not arrive in Monterey until the 9th & the next day reported the money ready to be paid in Mexican & that gold could not be obtained. My proposal to buy or hire a waggon for transportation was negatived at once as preposterous - Days passed & 17000. gold having been obtained & Mr Ripley agreeing positively to purchase another Ambulance & thus carry the entire amount - on the 19th I assumed that responsibility under by Major Broadwell made the purchase. Mr Ripley then raised the objection, that there was no official notice that the forces of the Empire were in possession of Camargo - if not double duties would have to be paid. I replied it is common report that they are in possession if not; I know the Authorities there & their general

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good wish & our government. I should cheerfully relinquish of the Chief race responsibility. I had before this made a decided offer - & as he made no reply the next morning I accepted this a note & copy of which & his reply I enclose with this.

What Major Brashear intended to take official notice in the Picayune, his business to make & appeal to Gen Shipley was of great moment & I do not thank God for his end. His Reply with the hyperbolical & the charge invented remained in Morton an indefinite period. I do not write these statements as "excuses" I assume Command, & blame myself for not having placed myself on "official ground" with Mr Reply within two days after the arrival I did not do so, because nothing you subsequent instructions gave limit weight. your written one did not. but was framed in character, Cause of your desire to have the affairs of your Command by note & Mr Reply was by far. more Moderate than in any opinion his conduct justified & does not cause all the pain as His Conduct is & and incomprehensible; but I should be wanting in duty did I fail to offer my full conviction that no reason existed why the funds should not have been on route for Ligas within two days after the arrival of the Chiefs in Vicksburg - I did not attribute his Reply but because the Route is unfamiliar by large bands of outlaws - I expect to return at once to Natchez report the Rebels.

I Am Col. Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W H Clark
Lt Col & A
A A G 16 A C Coffin

Lieut Col Wm Brashear
Thompsons La

Rio Grande City.
Sept 4 1865

L. S. Lane A.A.A.G.

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Referring to Payment of Duties on Cotton Imported into Mexico before Sale & the Manner of ascertaining a/c Sales of Cotton.

Answered

Lieut Col W. A Broadwell
San Antonio

Rio Grande City Sept 4 1864

Col,

Awaiting sale of cotton on this line, it is often necessary to the interest of the govt to sell the Cotton detained for on the other side & sometimes ere the Mexican duties are paid It is impossible to obtain proper vouchers for these charges. & I deem the surest guaranty for them is to return the ofc Stores at a fair price & thus save them. A caravan of ours to many objections, & not the least asking a man to certify to a false oath I can imagine but two ways to cover the case The certificate of the officer who pays the charges and the profomic sales I enclose, which I conceive to be the best, & most concise & equitable to obtain. I respectfully ask you to give specific directions to the officers on the Rio Grande on this head

Mr Ledwell has not yet joined up his office, but will in a day or so. I propose to remain here for a time until the office is in working order, until I return to Matamoras to obtain funds to cover charges. Should the State line over any cotton the demands will be large & there is no market at this time, no quantity of cotton could be sold @ 25¢ If the cotton is crossed here it will take say ten days for sale to cover charges exclusive of freight, — Cotton is beginning to come in & I hope this week some three hundred bales will have passed for Matamoras

Respectfully Your obt Svt

W. L. Cazneau
Lieut Col & A.A.G.
on duty Texas Cotton Office

The office has no Postage Stamps
They will therefore have to be specie

Rio Grande City
Sept 2 1864

L. N. Lane

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Reference to Genl Neckley
order to transfer State
Cotton the owners of
Cropping Cotton into Mex
Mr. Lowell drinks &c

Lieut Col W. H. Broadwell
San Antonio

Rio Grande City Sept 2d 1864

Col

I left Matamoras on the 27 ult. with Gen Nicholls orders to transfer the State Cotton to W M Lukins C & Agent & to deliver to the Messrs King Kennedy & Stillman 300 B/C out of the first receipts at this point of Lands not pledged to come other purposes. I found 75 bales here. Lukins agent refused to receive it @ 28 ℔. & shall ship it as early as possible. Nearly 200 bales have arrived here, of which 39 bales only was C.S. Cotton that was shipped from Laredo by Lukins before leaving there. The Armstrong the State agent has an Agent here Mr Shongaverette. I presented Gen Nicholls order to him, he said there was not charge to say one dollar per one bale. Cotton and hence but he presumed a drop per more of the State Cotton I brought only 3500 ℔ with me & have already expended 3500 ℔ of that) ℔ 1000 ℔ are to pay all charges on the 300 bales they receive. In the unsettled condition of affairs in Mexico I do not think it prudent to ship Cotton over Carriages — & it cannot be sent on there as the I have advised Mr Lukins to get a steam boat to come up - both as a safe conveyance

& as a punctual of payment of Mexican duties, which is quite an item. There are two boats there & I hope he will succeed in getting one to Corpus up.

When we sent to Matamoras we fancied no one here to take charge of the Custom House & Mr McKinney was supposed to do so. until I arrived & found Mr Lidwick here under your appointment & felt it my duty to appoint him. My agent that you had not personal knowledge of his habits. He has the reputation & I believe by disinterestedness of great integrity of character & is a gentleman of education, but unfortunately he is a confirmed drunkard & at Camargo was always under the influence of liquor before noon day. I know he could not receive the recommendation of Mr Ludlow or Mr Belmont & the latter I know has expressed to say he would have to discharge him & privately he did put him in charge of the Custom House on account of his habits. Mr Ludlow is a gentleman in his sentiments & nothing but what I consider a paramount duty Causes me to write thus to you. But the interests of the Govt. is superior to friendship

Considerations. If Mr L. would refrain from liquor - he doubtless would make a efficient agent - As he is known - a community must plenty eat their way -

I expect to return to Matamoras after seeing Col Armstrong & getting thro with Rusk &c & until I receive Contrary instructions from Mr Perkins

Mr Lidwell has not yet opened his office has neither blanks nor books - except a few of the former brought up by me -

When I left Matamoras Lowe & Bates Clarke & C. had entered the river & moored their vessels on the 28 for the interior. Cortinas was making a forced loan & pressing any one he could into the service. that is the usual Custom ought to go down this week. or earlier down the river. I believe every disinterested person thinks the trade in Cotton should be kept clear - Cortinas says he will fight - to the bitter end. trade was dead & I think Cotton could have been bought for $5 & hope Perkins will be able to get money enough to come through & hold the Cotton for a time. I have Col. Hays respects to Genl Gibbon

Yours &c
D. N. Lay Lt Qr Mr

Brumpton 21st July 1865

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Ulgin Lawn

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Restraining Certain Action

as the property of Hobarton

Harbour.

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Shreveport 20th March 1865

Lt. Col. W. A. Goodwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Sir

I have to inform you that Agent transport cotton liable to impressment under Special order No. 30 from Hd. Qrs. No. 2. I, informed me that he had transported cotton stored at Fort Caddo in the name of "Coots". I beg leave to inform you that said cotton is not liable to impressment under that order, being the property of Messrs Herbert & Foster one of whom is now was an officer in the service of the C. S. when last heard from. I believe you know Mr Geo. Foster and Mr Herbert and are only as to their political status.

You will please instruct your agent to release that cotton should it have been impressed.

Respy your Obt. Servt.

Alger Lane

Agent for the above

List of Cotton Purchased
by
Lauve & Belknap
From November 1st
to December 31st
1863

2609 Bales

List of Cotton Purchased from 1st Nov. to 31st Dec. 1863.

Of whom Purchased	Parish	Post office	No of Bales	Place of Delivery.
John Close	Caddo	Shreveport	31	Hull & Co. Wh. Shreveport.
A. M. Hull	"	"	95	" " "
H. B. Orton	"	"	13	" " "
N. M. McLeroy	"	"	14	" " "
Howell & Buckner	"	"	21	Howell & B " "
Caius & Fielson	"	"	44	Mrs Caius " RR
H. M. Bossier	"	Bayou La Chute	123	Mrs Bossiers Landing RR
S. B. Dockery	"	Shreveport	21	His Plantation "
A. M Hull & Co.	"	"	400	Benton, Harrison Co. Texas.
Martin Tully	"	"	268	Mrs Powells Landg. RR
H. B. Orton	"	"	15	5 at Hulls. Wh. 10 at Mrs Caius.
do	"	"	72	70 in his shed. 2 at Hulls.
James Mucks	"	Benton	426	His Landing
J. J. Lewis	Bossier	Collingsburg	27	Carolina Bluffs
Crawford Hughes & Co.	"	Rocky Mount	37	" "
Saml. Rickley	"	Collingsburg	57	" "
B. W. Stenman	"	Rocky Mt	41	" "
do	"	"	12	" "
Mrs E. Stroud	"	"	15	" "
A. M Rodgers	"	"	27	" "
J. H Hughes	"	"	56	" "
do	"	"	25	" "
A. McFarland	"	Knox Point	250	His Landing
E. Edwards	"	Bellevieu	5	Mrs Caius Landing
E. B. O. Neal	"	Sparta	20	Bolivar "
J. N Ryan	"	Bossier Point	50	Spring "
J. B Suggs Est	"	Fillmore	137	" "
C. H. Durham	St. Soto	Keachi	29	Augusta "
James Cowley	"	Mansfield	41	do "
Asa Russ	"	Kingston	30	Red Bluffs "
Ruben Marrow	Claiborne	Haynesville	22	Minden "

B. W. Herriman	"	Rocky Mt	41	" "
do	"	"	12	" "
Mrs E. Stroud	"	"	15	" "
A. M Rodgers	"	"	27	" "
J. H Hughes	"	"	56	" "
do	"	"	25	" "
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James Cowley	"	Mansfield	41	do
Asa Russ	"	Kingston	30	Red Bluffs "
Ruben Warren	Claiborne	Haynesville	22	Minden "
W. M. Gladden	"	Vienville	48	" "
Benjm Bugg	"	Gordon	20	" "
A. P. King	Bienville	Salt Spring	35	Port Bolivar Landg
J. C. McCrary	"	Sparta	29	" " "
J. W. Perry	2nd as Harrison Co	Jonesville	38	Swansons "
Albert Johnson	Panola	Carthage	15 20	Shreveport
A. H. Baker	"	"	10 20	"
		Total	2609	Bales.

Shreveport Dec 31 1863

Upon Lawn
J. L Bellamy
Purchasing Agt.

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November 2nd 1863

Laura H Belknap

Shreveport

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Statement of Cotton purchased from the 31st Aug. to the 31st Oct 1863

Shreveport. Nov. 2nd 1863

Lt. Col. Wm. A. Broadwell.
Chief of Cot.n Bureau.

Present

Dr Sir.

In compliance with your request we herewith beg leave to enclose Statement of all Cottons purchased by us from the 31st aug.t to the 31st oct ult.o amounting to 5714 Bales. with the Names of Parties purchased from; the Parrish, Post office &c.o of Bales. and place of delivery, for a/c. of the Confederate States.

Very Respectfully &c.
Ulger Lamve
J. T. Bulknap
C.S. Inbagts to purchase Cottons

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August 20th 1863

Lane & Belknap

Cotton Buyers 1865

Shreveport

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In regard to the resources in Cotton in their Distr- pines the no. of bales in the hands of Speculators

Cotton Agency — Shreveport August 20th 1863

Cols W. A. Broadnax — Chief Cotton-Bureau
46 Texas Shreveport

Dear Sir Your esteemed favr of 16th inst is at hand.
The agent (Cols Hodge) for the owner of the cotton refered to in your letter, is not aware that it has ever been offered for sale or that any other person is authorized to offer it. He is aware that he was ready to purchase some at any time during the last twelve months, had it been for sale.

The Govt purchasing Agent (Maj. McRee) has and will shortly have returns of about 20.000 Bales cotton, purchased by us in our District which can be made available through him at any time the Govt may require them.

The amount of baled cotton in our District not belonging to the Govt is about 40.000 Bales, of which ½ or ⅔ in the hands of speculators and not for sale at present. The bal of the cotton remaining in what is called safe localities (out of speculators hands) could be purchased at from 20 @ 25 ℔.

The Statement herein inclosed, showing the amt of cotton purchased for Govt acct in each County of our District, indicates the localities, thereby enabling the Military Authorities to determine as to exposure to the enemy and most secure points of defence.

We would thank you to designate, at as early a day as possible, the points exposed to the enemy, that we may continue our purchases elsewhere.

Not having been engaged in transportation of any kind, we are not prepared, at present, to furnish a correct estimate of what could be made available in that line, without interfering with the service and growing crops: but are clearly of opinion that the demand or requirement of transportation, would require those

any other measure tend to defeat the object in view.

~~The Steamer [illegible]~~ We propose running
a Line of Steamers from this Station to the Sabine to be there, boated down
the River to Nicholett's Bluffs, with no Vessels, as now, to cross
the Mouth of Red-River; but then are you to procure boat-Craft of that
River, most exposed to the enemy? In our opinion, it can only
be effected by land transportation to Points on said River and from
there carried to this Place by Steam-Boats. This is the most
central and secure Place of North Louisiana, affording all the
facilities for transportation to and, from all parts of the
Coast — Miss Detroit with abundance of Steamers and more
powerful to store the Cotton awaiting transportation to whatever
places of Detroit you may hereafter select; but you have no
time to lose before the Fall and Winter rains set in.

In fixing the quantity of Cotton in our District not belonging
to the Govt at about 40.000 Bales, we mind baled Cotton;
but were you to furnish the Planters with Bagging & Rope, cost
& charges to be deducted from proceeds of Sales, 5 Tons - a much
larger quantity could be obtained at the prices above stated and
freshly taken. In any event we shall require some Bagging
& Rope to get our Cotton already purchased for Govt this Fall
& Year.

Hoping the above will be of some use to you and that you
will consider it always a pleasure as well as a duty, to us
to give you any assistance in our power —

We remain very respectfully your Obt Servts

Ellgor Lamme
J. J. Belknap

agents for the purchase
of Cotton

Augst 31/ 13

W Lane
Cotton Agt

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Enclosing Statement of
Cotton Purchased

Cotton Agency.
Official Transportation Aug 31/63

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Asst Cotton Bureau
Present.

Dear Sir

In conformance with the request in your favor of 27th inst I beg leave to hand you a detailed Statement of the cotton transported by this Agency for account of the Govt, & to which no refer for particulars

Very respy Yours
Olge Lane
Ag. C.S.

18th Janr. 1864 1114

Lawe & Bishop

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Purchasing Agents —

Enclosing list of Cotton purchased up to the 31st Dec 1863

Shreveport. Jany 18th 1864

Lt Col. Wm. A. Broadwell
Chief Cot Bureau. Trans. Miss Dept

Present.

I am herewith transmitting a list of all Cotton purchased by us since our last report, up to the 31st inst. which we respectfully submit. Our report to Majr A.D. McKee will correspond with the enclosed list.

Very Respectfully Yr
Obt Servts
Alger Lane
J. T. Beckwith
Purchg Agts.

MARKS.	ARTICLES.	CHARGES.
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		168. 75
		240. 00
		56. 00
		200. 00
		384. 25
		1359. 00

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Office Post Qm
Camden Ark March 25/64

Majr W. H. Haynes
Shreveport La

Sir I have this day forwarded to
Capt Brown at Lewisville Twenty two (22) pr
Kentucky Bay Twenty (20) pr Indian Baggage
Thirty Four (34) Coils Rope Subject to Govt order

Respectfully Your Obt Svt
D. D. Latum
Maj & Qm

This was rec'd by Capt
Benja Black
May 15/65

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Houston 20th Oct 1863

S. Lavanburg. Cap.
72. 0

Proposes to carry out the Contract made with Maj Rufell to transport Cotton to Mexico —

Houston, Oct 20th 1863

Col. A. Broadwell
Chf of Cotton Bureau
Trans-Miss Dept

Sir:

Permit me to inform you that I am now on a visit to this City for the purpose of, and engaged in, the execution of the agreement entered into between Major Chas Russell Dr. Dep. Q. M. Genl and myself, on the 5th day of Sept 1863, in regard to the transportation & exportation of Govt Cotton, which agreement, I am led to believe, is now in the possession of the Cotton Bureau, or of some person connected therewith.—

By the terms of that agreement, I was duly notified by Maj Russell, Dr Dep. that I was then a sufficient quantity of Govt Cotton, (2100 bales) at San Antonio, to load & freight 300 wagons or Carts, and was directed to make my arrangements accordingly for its transportation, which I did— engaging 300 the Carts in the interior of the Republic of Mexico.— Some of these carts have arrived, and have been compelled to return without load, Them being no Cotton delivered to me to load Them.— A majority of the 300 Carts, I which I contracted for in Mexico are now en route, and may be expected to arrive soon, though I can detain and retain most of them at Piedras Negras & have them to turn forward in such numbers, & in time to transport the Cotton as it is delivered at San Antonio.—

I would therefore respectfully request that the Cotton Bureau will at once instruct their

agent at San Antonio, to turn over to me, all the Cotton now in his possession at that point; and further, that they will immediately make the necessary arrangements to have the press among the 1000 Bales placed at San Antonio in the shortest time possible, in order to avoid a large increase of expenses both to the Govt & myself.—

I would further inform you that I have, in addition to the 300 Carts already mentioned, (100) one hundred fourteen mule Wagons, (Capable of transporting 1000 or more bales) now en route from Matamoras to Alleyton; which teams I am also ready to employ under the Treaty mentioned agreement, provided the Cotton Bureau may so determine & will place the necessary amount of Cotton in Alleyton in time to avoid unnecessary delay.—

I will further state that; should the Cotton Bureau determine to carry out the said Agreement to its fullest extent, I am prepared to do so; and can furnish the necessary transportation to transport and export from 30,000 to 40,000 Bales of Cotton within the next twelve months, provided there is no interference with, or interruption to the facilities & Press Passes.—

Any explanation or information the Bureau may desire in regard to the agreement, or in regard to the Cotton business generally, I am ready & will with pleasure furnish to them

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
S. Swanburg.
General Transportation Agent.

The Probable cost of transportation from San Antonio, to Matamoras is 6 ½ to 7 c. per lb, The cost of transportation from Kellyton to Brownsville, will vary from 8 to 11 c.,

The arrangements made with Major Russell can if you desire it be cancelled, and it proposes applying wholly to the 2000 Bales of Brownsville Cotton, which I agree to transport on the best terms obtainable not to exceed, the cost mentioned above 6 ½ to 7 ½. to sell it for use of the Brownsville as may be directed by the Cotton Bureau either in Matamoras or Liverpool, Charging the actual expenses incurred in addition to our Commission of 5 % on the Money advanced 8 c. per lb., in Specie, 1 % per month interest & 5 % for selling the Cotton,

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Matamoras Sept 17th 1864

Col.

I have the honor to acknowledge rcpt of your
letter of yesterday through the courtesy of Col Perkins
Not my letter was rude and repulsive was
clearly intended, and I am satisfied when you have
read yours of 28th Aug copy of which I hand you
inclosed you will admit that the provocation justified it.
and be convinced that all of your terms and in hand
said and uncalled for..

When the Organized Department and Col
Hutchins Staff proper I shall be most happy to meet
Confederate lines Pro the meantime Col I am fully
satisfied with your disclaimer and regret that I should
have been compelled to raise and issue with you.

Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Present

S. Lee

Matamoros 1 Sept
Mayo 1 & 22 Lia

Secret Correspondence

Inatamoras Sept 19th 1814.

Col

Yours of 17th Inst was handed me this morning-
It is due to myself to assure you that my letter of that
date was intended to acknowledge my full and per-
manent satisfaction with your disavowal of any wish
"which to insult or offend me and while I regretted the
"unhappily of being compelled to address you as I did on
"the 14th Inst. I withdrew the whole of it-

I seek no advantage over you - either of-
ficial or otherwise - and bear you neither malice nor ill-
feeling - I am satisfied - fully so & should not have expressed
it - If it is for you alone to designate the relation to exist
between us -

I return you your letter addressed to Col.
Structure - I have no enclosure to one with it

I have the honor to be Col
Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.

L. J. Loo

Lt Col W Abercrombie
Present

Monterey Nov Apl
5/23

Major D. H. Lee
to
Major Gen. Rucker
2200)

Relative to a portion
the goods of the Alton
Lacoste purchase. 1
original Stens.

Monterey Mexico April 29th 1864

Major

In the Invoice of 'Goods' purchased by Messrs Attull Lacoste under Contract with you, I find very many articles needed in the Ord: Dept - If I cannot find such goods in Matamoros, will you offer any objection to my taking from Mr Lacoste such portions of the Invoice as I may need, paying him for them and endorsing such payments upon the conditional certified Voucher which he Prim holds from you.

I hope you will not deem it improper from me that I regard the whole Invoice as of inestimable value to the Government, and to assure you that it will supply very many deficiencies in the Stores needed by the different Departments

I have the honor to be Major
Respectfully Your Obt Svt
(Signed) E. J. Lee
Major P. A. C. S.
On Ord duty

Major Lee
Asst Q. M. G. S
Present

A true Copy
Wm Lee Purcell
Major & Quartermaster
C. S. A

Returning 20 Oct 1864
J. L. Lee

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the signed to become
Masters.

Brevet rank
as Capt. U.S. Navy
to Sept 20 1863.

Matamoras Sept 20th 1864.

Col

I have the honor to acknowledge rect of your favor of yesterday

After my full and complete withdrawal of my letter of the 14th Inst I am neither satisfied with your reply nor with the letter you have addressed under cover 19th Inst to Lt Col Hutchins. In the one ~~[illegible]~~ I think you attempt to place me in an unfair position before that officer,

As it seems so difficult for us to settle this affair let us at least endeavor to discharge our respective duties without any interference whatever on the part of either. Reserving the right of placing myself properly before Col Hutchins and the Ord Dept I return you your enclosures. and with them a letter addressed to you by Major Ducayet which could not have been intended for me

It is due to myself to say that I mean to ~~[illegible]~~ my letter of 14th Inst It belongs to you and may be necessary for reference in any further progress this unpleasant affair may take- I am

Respectfully Col
Your Obdt Servt

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Present.

Matamoras. 19th July 1864

Lt. Col. W. D. Whittemore

Adjutant

My dear Sir — I do not wish to be
th so unnecessary to enumerate. I have
to request that you may be absent
his duties from your station of
myself. As his business will be ex-
clusively pecuniary and stores for
-warded funds can be furnished. I trust
you will see no objection to this.
Mr. Hopkins has remitted by my
direction about $8-9,000 to Col Wilson.
A/A Harcuvar Note request to inquire
if it is procured and forwarded for
shipment to you. The enemies
of Mexico & Coasts (the contents of
which are now going forward) with
inclosed many things listed to Quar
Dumpsons. — If any thing can
be got out of Mexico I trust it will
be — Mine acceptable to my Chief
and friends I begin of Robert by
May. Lee, for my views on this
subject I beg to refer you to a
letter on file in your office dated
4th March, May he does not
wish to occupy a Lucrative position

and may ask to be relieved from duty in Mexico. If he does not however I may [illegible] you furnish with a list of such articles as he may needs. Direct him to ascertain if to what extent and how they can be procured & direct him to pay for them if you think proper. And it is possible to do it - and request may be to confer with Mr Perkins in regard to this business.

I believe that I am to receive considerable which might be got at 3 or 4c per lb. probably cheaper of Mr Potter & Salt Water - I made some effort in this direction through Mr Ripley - I hope to get off in a few days - will probably go through Monterey to attend to the drafts of Magi & Lincoln which must doubtless be paid -

I have obtained $200,000 in Sterling on the Cotton of Austin & Wharton which Mr Perkins is using to advantage - an arrangement has been made to obviate the necessity of having the papers & transactions

of Mr Perkins or you both.
although disappointed from the our
Countenances when I left Houston
I will explain this more fully
when I see you.

Yours truly
J. W. A. Burnett

14 Dec

1825

[illegible]

Returned by President
of the Institute

Brownsville Tex Sept 14th 1864

Colonel

I have the receipt to day of your communication of 28th ult sent from San Antonio -

I am at a loss to imagine upon what authority you presume to address and interrogate me as you have used in your letter of that date. Indeed there is an air of insubordination which my mind cannot reconcile with the spirit of the Oath which you administered, & which such a performance of your duties would require. I am at a loss to know in what manner your views of the "powers of the Government" which I consider as are not approved by me. I neither can I find anything in my instructions which could be construed as placing me under your authority and indirectly, contrary to the "powers" you have already claimed through your "and "Loyalty" and that of your predecessor that of General Commanding the Department of the Rio Grande -

Admitting even that I, and Duty it to your orders what right have you to an official letter to attend to the loyalty of my family and what in your peculiar powers to say a word in which you have chastising yourself behind the "powers of the Government" to insult any citizen who has come in contact with you and frighten Officers who performed their duty of law to their rights. I deny in your authority. I send your presumption and hate you responsible for your insulting expressions either in your official capacity, or the private character you may put yourself, or entitle through the Oaths you have received from you, or any unpunished hands -

As to what I have done, or left undone - as to my powers

whether in service or otherwise. attended my family and the recipients of the charity of my friends or guests of the Said Carlos Stolle - as to which I get my pay and have disbursed it you have nothing to do unless you want out of your private funds in the event of the [illegible] of the Enemy

Such bills as this are not to be accredited with the Pay Department of the Army, yet believing myself to be entitled to the pay of Brigadier I do not hesitate in transmitting you the bills as official, trusting you will kindly recommend that they be paid. my object in this is to save you trouble

I am your obedient servant

[illegible]

Lieut Stolle D and assigned to duty in Texas - Lieut Stolle is Chief of the Subsistence Bureau - and only connected with the Cotton Bureau incidentally I do not wish to have instructions for funds for orders with you. I have nothing to do either officially or otherwise, and regard both your wishes to render my "position pleasant" and your private

[illegible] you into [illegible] my [illegible] confidential [illegible]
[illegible] equally [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] for and
[illegible] by [illegible] by me

[illegible] to your [illegible] and for the
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as high
your own [illegible] the chapter [illegible] [illegible] will hold no
official [illegible] [illegible] you

I am Dear Sir &c

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Chf Collins Bureau NMD
Matamoras
Mex

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Shreveport Sept 9th 1864

Lt Col. L. A Broadwell.

Colonel

Your letter of 29th ult was received this morning. I think your letter unjust and unmanly for I unjust because I am charged with doing nothing in Mexico, unmanly for, because I am here under orders from Gen. E. Kirby Smith, and he alone is to say whether my services are important or not.

You ask me if I am willing to serve on your Department staff. I have told you in Shreveport and in Houston that it was not my desire to do so.

Endorse that and find a copy of my orders.

I am Colonel.
Respectfully Your Obt Servt.

T. Semmes
Surgeon & Insp T. D.

April 30th 1864

B. S. Lee 126

Springville

Inspecting his Cotton in
Tuscaloosa County Parish

Jeffersonville April 30.th 1864

Mr. W. A Broadwell

Sir your agent called at my house a few days ago to see me in reference to some Gov. cotton during my absence and left instructions for me to inform you that Shoestout all the Gov cotton that was at my house was burnt the Gov removed (44) forty four bales which I have accept for the same the remainder was burnt (62) bales which it was burnt I know of no other Gov. cotton there is Gov cotton in this neighborhood. other cotton but I do not know whether it belongs to the Gov, or not

yours respectfully

Levy S. Lee

Eagle Pass 19th Aug 1864

T B Lee.

In regard to this claim
the office at Eagle Pass
offers his services
wherever they can be
made available

Eagle Pass August 19th 1864

Lt Col Mc A Broadwell

Dear Sir

I received your letter this morning - In answer I will say that the cotton office can have no use for an agency at this point - If we are permitted to hold Maj. Harts cotton so as to settle our indebtedness we can close this office in ten days after you give the order

If you will give me my present appointment Mr Campbell & you think I can be of service you may command my services - My presence would be at Matamoras but still I am at the service of the office and am willing to go where I can be of most use

I have apparently obstructed absolutely Maj. Harts views & I dont suppose he likes me but you will find I am right - Capt Ramon adopted Maj. Hs old agent & I was in great doubt about the direction the cotton would take after it got out of my hands & I have therefore put all the impediments in its progress for delay knowing that it will rise in value &c - I will send you a statement of our condition by next mail

Yours &c

Tho B Lee

Respects of Gen. C

Wath Bot

In regard wagon train
loaded with Sugar. learned
back by a courier. & found the bridge at
Lemire burning

Lt. Col. Broadwell
sis after Cofsing
the Bridge with the
train of Sum Encompled
with Sugar. cain
Mut. Curies coming
from Blythesw reporting
the Town in the
Rossin of the Yanky
and the Enemy coming
down the Road
this Frighened the
Negroes and returning
to the Bridge found
the ff. & Burning
& then instructed the
Negroes to take the
Mules & go to the Mor
owners the Majr
was left at Stafford
& reported by Col
to Col. Walker and the
Major that I had no
Men com to Burn
I swam the Bayou
and joined

My Command
ed. Mailed Major Gen
Pope Ms Each all
Roper me that it would
be impossible to get
the train through
that it would burn
only fuel in the hands
of the Rebels
Geo. H. Lee
Maj. & A.A.G.
Hd. Qrs Dept

Eagle Pass. 9th April 1864.

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S. J. Lee: Major

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In regard to the use of certain funds in the purchase of army stores His own, & the views of other officers in regard to their relative value in Mexico & at Havana;

Eagle Pass April 9th 1864.

Col

I arrived here yesterday, and am awaiting command to Monterey, from which place I will go at once to Matamoras,

I will use all possible dispatch in reporting to you the disposition & make of the Exchange, hoping that such positive information as will enable you to determine at once the profitibility of additional Sales on that basis. I confess, however, that with the continued advance of Gold in the North, and the uncertainties of Bankruptcy and repudiation in all of the Northern Papers that I apprehend some difficulty in realizing the figure at which you received it. At all events you may rely upon my determination to make it available. I am assured it can be used in Havana and with that point in view, I have asked permission of Col Thatcher to exercise my discretion, after efforts in Monterey and Matamoras had failed.

Col S. B. has expressed the opinion that the remainder of the proposition from Simpson, should be accepted, as the Exchange can be placed in Havana at rate quoted in the New York Monetary

respects - the Cotton 1½" for 1½ is good enough
I differ with him there for that an advance
equality to the average weekly declared of the cot
may should be demanded -

If not too much employed
write to me - and advise me how you are
succeeding in closing propositions for Cotton for
Sterling Exchange and your office where I can
you. I fear the "situation" in Louisiana may
embarrass your operations and perhaps frustrate
altogether your policy in relation to the disposition
of Govt Cotton in the Attachés and Red River -
If you are not disturbed I am sanguine you
can come to the relief of the Cotton Office with
Sterling Exchange, and thus prevent the mortification
I would feel and I to attend without accomplish
ing anything -

Affairs in Mexico are Cotton
complicated. Vidaurri is on this side of
the river at Laredo. Quiroga is in Monterey
the French are said 100 Leagues from that city.
Reinforcement of 4000 new troops have recently
by landed at Tampico - and 8000 at Vera-Cruz

Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
S. J. Lee
Major P.A.C.S
in Charge

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

Regarding Cotton Purchases Schaumburg

San Antonio / 132
January 1st 1864.

Major S. J. Lee.

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In regard to the impressment of 60% of Cotton by the agents of the Cotton Bureau from the firm of Mess. Bouldin Riggs & Wade Contractors with Dpt.

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San Antonio Jany 1st 1864.

Major:

I had an interview with Messrs D. W Bowden of Bowden Riggs & Walker yesterday, he complained that the order directing 4000 4000 lbs Cotton to be turned over to Col Stockton had not been complied with. In consequence of which they his firm were placed in an awkward position - 350 Bales Cotton the private property of this party - on route for this place, and arriving from day to day, and which, on account of the absence of Cotton to pay for Clothes under the contract, advanced by Genl Smith, they have been compelled to transfer to the Agent of the Party from whom the Clothes were bought; have been subjected to an imprisonment of 50 Days by the Agent of the Cotton Bureau thereby inflicting a heavy blow upon the credit of the contracting firm with their correspondents. Messrs Bowden request that the Lt Genl Comdg publish an order directing the Cotton Bureau to remove this imprisonment from this Cotton as it arrived at Eagle Pass and that the Cotton Bureau be reminded of the permits and Exemptions granted this firm by Genl Smith -

I have to call your attention to the interference of my orders in contravening and to make negotiations upon the Agents at this place or Eagle Pass for Cotton with which to carry out my instructions. I hope they will be to the point and strong enough to insist that my requisitions shall take precedence over all others -

I will leave for Eagle Pass by first Steps when I will confer with Messrs Bowden and hope to gather such facts as may be important to you -

I have the honor to be Major
Respectfully
Your Obed Servt.

Major S. G. Rhett
Asst Adjt & Insp Gen
Shreveport

L. L. Lee
Major C.S.A.
Comdg Post.

Headquarters at Eagle Pass.

4th Div. Sub-District Ark & La
Monroe 16th Feby 1864.

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Lt. John R. Liddell
Brig. Genl. Comdg.
Sub-District North La.

Sir

His views in reference to the policy to be pursued with respect to Cotton. at exposed positions. The necessities of the Dept. The original policy of the Govt in regard to Cotton.

Suggests an export duty of 20% per bb payable in gold or Exchange. The shipments to be made by foreign merchants for foreign markets - & limit the trade to the Ouachita river to be stopped or restricted at pleasure -

Ask that in case of a raid & the Cottons destroyed that one tenth be left with the families within the Enemies lines - as their only means of support - These are the mothers - wives, & Sisters of Soldiers in the Virginia & Tennessee

H.d Qrs. Asst Dist. A. La. Monroe
July 16. 1864

Col.

I am requested by ~~Lt Col. Bandrath~~ Young & Parker Bankers & Dept. Q.M. Qrs any views I may have in regard to the disposition of the "Cotton lying between the Ouachita & Miss "Rivers".

In reply, I must say that the subject having elicited the grasp of the wisest men, is so far beyond my simple comprehension, that I touch it with reluctance & great distrust. Pardon me Kuppa when you find my views confound & the simplest & plainest opinions.

If the Dept Requisitions are of such importance nature, as to require the proceeds arising from the Cotton at the haggard of passing it thro' the enemies lines, thus departing from the original instructions of the Govt in burning or destroying it, before the Federals should get a hole, I would suggest, that the Dept. should not purchase a single pound, but instead thereof, impose an Export tax of 20 cents pr lb. in Gold or Sterling exchange, upon every bale that passes down the Ouachita River — allowing certain designated foreign parties only to purchase the Cotton and directing the buyers to the Ouachita River within ten days, thereby keeping the entire control of the trade and stopping it, at any moment deemed advisable.

This course will content all parties interested and place actually in the hands of the Dept. all the funds needed, without purchase or engagement or any further trouble than that of collecting the tax in their shipment, by the functionaries at Bonnie & Camfield.

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Meanwhile should any raids or expeditions be made upon the country, it will not prevent the burning of the cotton that remains, before the advance of the enemy; - or in other words the Dept. would be under no obligations or restraint, not to burn or destroy the cotton that has not passed beyond the participations, for a while, it will have been paid.

Now an order is issued to burn cotton upon an advance of the enemy, I beg to be notified, so that one-tenth should be left to the families of the owners who are compelled to remain from necessity within the enemy's lines & who are unable to move away. Many of these people are the Mothers, Widows, & Sisters of the Soldiers in the Virginia & Tennessee Armies, who would do much distress would some kindness & consideration at our hands. - God will not forget our Govt. for it.

I am Col. Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
John B. Sickels
Brig. Gen. Comdg

Lt Col. W. A. Broadwell.
Shreveport
La.

Head Quarters 1st Division 6th Army Corps

San Antonio Jan 6 1848

Lieut Col W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport
Asst Adjt Gen

I received your letter some time since Pleasure but the pleasure of another has

San Antonio Jan 6th 1848
Lieut Col
Asst Adjt Gen

San Antonio June 6th 1865

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport
Dear Col

San Antonio June 6th 1865

I received your letter some time since & should have answered it sooner, but was in the habit of corresponding with Col Kirby Smith & when I learned that he would return to Shreveport soon after receiving it & you as directed, not having known it by any one up to that time, & by the by I know not if previously informed you that I had accepted an agency for Stirling & Co. having eleven to the West of any liability to our own Country, for the last four years. Inquiring, failed to give satisfaction to my superiors & getting Credit from the people & finding myself rapidly floating down stream, without knowing my destination or port, & determined

to handle my own cause, and save myself & family. But why should I trouble you, when you have been made a Martyr of Dudd to get furious until I reflected how much more you had suffered & worked than much I you had done for the Confederacy & how little it was appreciated.

I got a letter from Ripley at Houlton & answered it informing him that I had left your papers & clothing with Leah Ives. Your buggy & Harness with Underdonk the carriage maker.

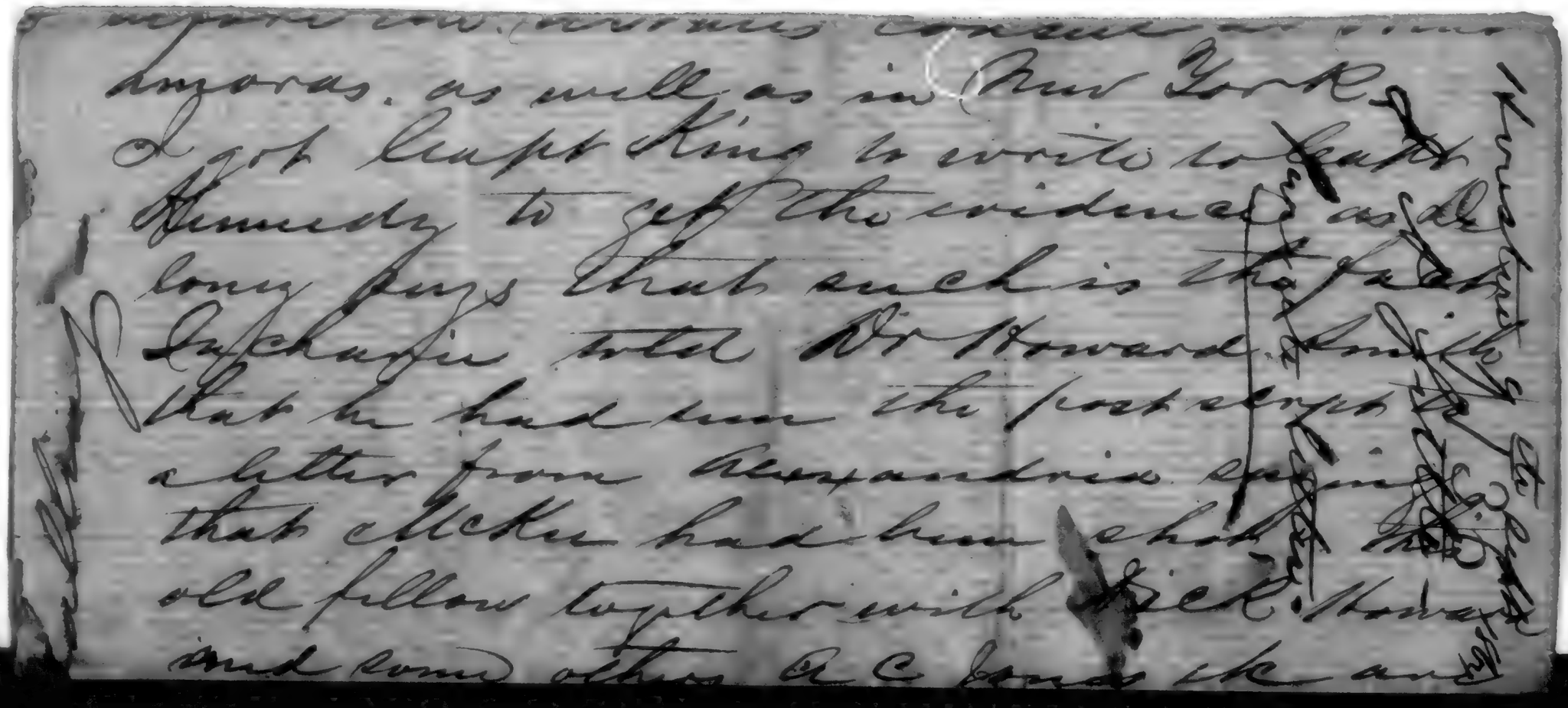
Borland & his bro in law Sewall went here a few days ago & the latter giving you fits on occasion. I filed my information it was easy to see the cause of Sewalls opposition or animosity to you. As you had thwarted his Brother in law Borland a number of the firm of Borland Rugg & Walker in making a gigantic fortune

out of the confederacy - without giving an equivalent. This act of yours with many others will yet be known, & will be appreciated by Patriotic sensible men -

If you can render any additional assistance to the firm of which I am the agent, I am consistent with your ideas of prosperity you will be rendering me a favour. Only 130 Bales of Cotton has been delivered by Lovell & Lovell out of 600 Bales - & if you can send me an order to get him to hurry it up I shall feel obliged

Col Chas. K Smart is here courting, & I presume successfully, it means - is there a balance due to Smart, that causes him to hang on? he is a smart fellow as ever the Yankees got to be - & knows how to play his cards. Genl Lee is also here - besides

many others of like importance
Col C. F. Gray went to shreve
port to get the collectorship
at Brownsville. We understand that E. R. Ford
has been appointed which will
be a popular appointment
I received a letter
from Luthum this morning
saying the position of
at this place is not at his dis
posal, but at that of Judge
Gray's as he has so many
solicitations both Lutitts. I have
I have very little hopes of
getting it. But if I had
known in time I would
have written him & made
the application
Mrs Lutts joins
me in kind regards to you
sincerely yours
H. L. Lupe



Houston Sept 9th 1864

Col W. S. Broadwell

My Dear Sir

Your note of the 28th ult was duly received. Maj Gen Walker arrived yesterday on the Beauregard train, many persons there to see him or receive him. I think he will be a decided favorite among the antipodes of his successor. I like him and ridicule all those who did not follow in the wake of Magruder mill. he is plain and unostentatious there is only one thing to dread & that is the Baylor influence. his misrepresentations - He asked why Magruder did not take his staff which him he was told that Genl Smith had telegraphed to him to bring only such and such that he had selected - in consequence of which he had turned back both Tunney and of his adjutant Generals after he arrived in Shreveport. he then asked whom is Major Bloomfield? Lubbock replied he was at Galveston preparing to go to Europe. to do what said the General - to go to Europe said Lubbock for what said the General? on private business - said Lubbock I would just as soon think of going to the moon said the General as to go to Europe on private business when the Country is at war. This was a stumper and I think that it will put to the blush all of his sails as well as the hull of the high flyers of Magruder

troupe

I hope you have had a pleasant trip and find every thing satisfactory.

Old Lincoln is still hunting his lion against Davis, try and get Evidence of his having taken the part to the Lincoln government before the Potomac Canal and Banks. as well as in New York I got Capt King to write to Hannah Kennedy to get the evidence as to long Jim's that such is the fact Inclosed is also that he had seen the first copy of a letter from Alexandria saying that Clerke had been shot the old fellow together with Dick Howard and some others. A C Jones the are trying to arouse the prejudices of the people against you among whom is Thornton Coles who says he has Mckins private papers & documents which Clerke said would send you to the Penitentiary. Do Keep this & other parties who have been thwarted by you in their nefarious villainous schemes are doing this, therefore watch his footsteps — Any kind regards to Ripley & your brothers

Very truly Yours

J. H. Stuart

N.B Eugene Pendleton, late Chief Gunner has also been dropped at his post in Richmond

Legal opinion of 1737

Robt. J. Lowry

in regard to the law regulating impeachment.

Shreveport. La. 24th Oct 1864.

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Gen E Kirby Smith.
Trans Miss Dept:
Shreveport La.

Sir: I have the honor to return the papers together with the questions submitted on the 21st inst. and my answers are as follows.

1st I am of opinion the owner is entitled to a local appraisement when demanded in all cases and for all species of property. The first section of the act of 16th Feby 1864. is conclusive on this point & directs of all words not necessary to a solution of the question will stand thus.

That in all cases when property is impressed the same shall be paid for according to the valuation in manner and according to the regulations provided in the first, second third and Eight sections of the act of apl 17th 1863. This being an amendment of an act of apl 17th 1863 seems clearly to indicate the will of the Legislature to give the right of local appraisement in all cases and the act of 17th July 1864 does not change the rule of appraisement.

2d The impressing officer has the right to appeal from the local appraisement in all cases except on questions as to the amount of property necessary for the support of the owner and his family and to carry on his agricultural and mechanical business

3d Producer or owner has no right to appeal from the local appraisement

4th The impressing officer has no right to pay more than the schedule price if there is no disagreement between himself and the owner & in case of disagreement a local appraisement

the officer has no right to pay more than the amount fixed by the appraisers if the officer is satisfied with the appraisement; but if the officer appeal from the local appraisement to the commissioners then he has no right to pay more than the price fixed finally by the Commissioners.

5th The impressing officer can take the property impressed without paying for it on the spot. The Govt by right of Eminent Domain owns all property within its boundary. But as Govts by Constitutions provide that no property of the citizen shall be taken without just Compensation but that payment of just Compensation is not made a condition precedent to delivery of the property to public use. But the law makes it the duty of the officer to pay the Compensation at the time of impressment except when appeals are taken from the local valuation and in the impressment of Meat. under the act of 17th Feby 1864. in which excepted case the property vests in the Govt by impressment and the Compensation must be paid by the disbursing officer of the Command. for which the impressment was made or by the Chief of the Bureau having charge of the disbursements for similar objects.

Respy

(Signed) Robt. J. Lowry
U. S. Dist Attr.

Copy of Opinion of
Robt. J. Lowry
in regard to the law
regulating impressments

No 1138

Cotton Bureau

Shreveport La 2nd Sept 1863.

This Bureau will furnish Cotton upon the signature of Major W.W. Thomas Chief of Subsistence, deliverable at such point as I may hereafter designate, and sufficient quantity to pay the bill at 25¢ the pound (twenty five cents per pound) A permit will be granted to export the same upon the conditions named herein upon payment of the export duty as required by Law.

W. A. Blanchard

Lt Col & Chief

of Cotton Bureau

Articles of Agreement made this the 1st Day of September 1863 between Maj Wm S. Thomas Chief of Subsistence of the One part and James A. Lusk of the State of Louisiana of the other part.

This Agreement Witnesseth that the Said James A. Lusk. agrees to deliver within the next Ninety days at Some point in the State of Louisiana within the Confederate State lines at the time of delivery. Said point to be designated by Maj E. Phillips Chief C.S. of the District West Louisiana and Endorsed by him on this Agreement — One Thousand (1000) Sacks of Coffee. Five hundred. (500) Boxes of Star Candles: Fifty (50) barrels of good Rye Whiskey. and Fifty (50) bales of Laneld. The Said Maj Wm S. Thomas Chief of Subsistence agrees to pay Said James A. Lusk, the actual Cost of the above Articles. which is to be ascertained by the Invoices & Bought bills: provided Such cost is the lowest market price. in the Market where the goods are bought. Said payments to be made in Cotton at the point of delivery of the above mentioned Articles. The price of the Same to be fixed by Lt. Col. W. S. Broadwell. Chief of Cotton Bureau, the Said Lusk to have the privilege of Exporting Said Cotton by paying the Export duty through the Enemies Lines to any foreign port. binding himself not to Sell the Same to the Enemy directly or indirectly

James A Lusk (Seal)

Wm S Thomas Maj C.S. (Seal)

Houston April 15th 1865

Capt. S. Lafayette

1296

Enclosing Capts affidavit
from Col Dreibing relative thereto
showing that his account as
Consul and satisfactory.

File

Respectfully, Your
Obt. Servt.

Houston April 15th 1865.

Gen D. Ripley

Dear Sir I arrived here a few days since to close up my operations with Cotton office and Cotton Bureau the enclosed statements of Col Hutchins and Capt Wells will show it has been correct and satisfactory My operations in Cotton as an officer on the Tax & Treasury Agent as they can possibly be to a Loyal and from information obtained here in the office the same good conduct and integrity is applicable to all officers and agts of both offices and Bureau.

This Circuit be a Loyal & Patriotic to me all and to none more than poor Col Broadwell who would have to bear as he is all the blame. Mr J. L. Williams is reported to have been robbed of $52000.00 State funds near Clinton Miss, will say this I am very sorry for it will be used against all fiscal officers. it will still Journals proclaim as clear as a bell. the only consolation I can draw from it is that it did not occur to any of our agents or officers

Your Pistol is here Capt Hemstreet sent it in a few weeks since I have it in Col Hutchins office in charge of Capt Walker to be sent to you or Subject

to your order. I also leave with Capt Walker a pair of Gauntletts, which you will please present to Gen'l E. Kirby Smith in my name. I obtained them in Matamoras for him and as I am now out of the service there can be no impropriety in presenting to him a matter so trifling as these gauntletts. Inaja Grays letter has [illegible] and is I think great injustice to honest [illegible] and I think he wanted out of his way to make things at the C. Bureau. but I have observed the same hostility given all Texans officials towards the Cotton Bureau. I have [illegible] upon you with a long letter. It is Sunday, and I have nothing to do. with. My best wishes for your happiness and that of Col Broadwell

Respectfully yours
Wm. L. Cazneau

Wm. L. Cazneau
15th April 1865
Capt. J. Stegmil
1296

Enclosing affidavit
[illegible] relative
claiming that the amount
enclosed is an
[illegible] and excessive.

Brownsville Jan 16th 1865

Capt. F. D Lynch

1025

Enclosing Certificate E. S. Telephone Calculation. - Make report of this business

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Custom Bureau
Brownsville 20th Jany 1865

Respy refers to last endorsement with the request that he will inform me whether the resignation of Capt. Lynch has been accepted or not

W. O. Broadwell
Lt & Col

EB 709

Copy of Dr Mss Dept to Acquit —
Custom House Brownsville January 1st 1865

Colonel

In additional testimony of my
official acts I have the honor to include certificate
of Wm E. Stephenson Debt Collector of the port
of Brownsville which is made a matter of
record in the Custom House the original
of which with the seal I took for my children
Since my arrival here the Govt Custom
House records and turned over to Mr Perkins, and
many letters received from him and forwarded by me
to the interior, cannot fall much short of one
million dollars. I had sometimes as high as
five Shipping clerks engaged in loading at Battle side
of the River and one always stationed at the Custom
House, three were detailed men with one exception
from the rank, Gentlemen when at home I functioned
them $5.00 per day. Yet all of this with my own
services included has not cost the Govt one tenth
of one per cent upon the sum received and forwarded
This certainly should be an argument against
the oft repeated slanders of Govt officials —
getting the larger amount of the proceeds of Custom-

Great Cotton is arriving slowly - a sufficient time I purpose all will be in that is now in sought for this place and in the absence of favourable orders to remain I shall close up on the 1st of February, and start all further exertions I rely upon your good offices to forward my resignation to a favorable conclusion

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servant

Franc. L. Lynch

Capt & A.Q.M.

duty in Cotton Bureau

To

Lt Col W. A. Braudwell

Chief of Cotton Bureau

Shreveport

La

Custom House Brownsville Texas
January 10th 1865

This is to Certify that Capt. F. I. Lynch in his capacity as agent in Cotton Bureau has entered and paid duties for exportation on Fourteen hundred and forty eight Bales of Cotton the property of the Confederate States Government of which Forty Eight bales have been accounted for by Col W.M. Perkins agent of the War Department at Matamoras. as belonging to his department. also two hundred and Seventeen bales which the duties were paid at Rio Grande City by Major H. P. Baughn the Same being the property of the Confederate States making in all fifteen hundred and sixty five bales in all which he is accountable for Fifteen hundred and Twenty Seven Bales

This is the only cotton which Capt Lynch has shipped at this Custom House since the opening thereof on the 28th July 1864. the day of the Federal occupation of this port. Nor am I cognizant of his participating in any cotton transaction other than those above specified.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Custom House the day and date first above written

(Seal)

(signed) Edwd. S. Gilpinian
Asst Collector

A true Copy
From F. I. Lynch
Cust[illegible] a.m.

1142

Cincinnati Ohio May 3rd 1865

Col

Enclosed please find the following
Quarterly Papers which upon Examination
I hope you will find Correct.

1	Asst A.	1 Voucher
"	Asst A.	24 Vouchers
"	Asst A. A.	1 Voucher
"	Asst A.	5 Vouchers
"	Asst A.	1 Voucher

all My Papers I. have been advised to
for^d first to you as Chief of Cotton Bureau
and after your Examination I. suppose
they will be for^d to the Q^r. Generals Office

I. have the honor to be
Your Obt Servant
Fran^s. L. Lynch
Capt & A. Q. M.

Lt Col
Wm A. Broadwell
Chief C. Bureau
Mis. Riv. Dept
Shreveport. La.

1143

Abstract, A.
1st qr 1865
F. L. Lynch
Capt & A. Q. M.
Brownsville

No 11 Abst A.

Abstract of Purchases made by Capt Franc^s L. Lynch A. Q. M. Brownsville Texas for the Quarter Ending 31st March 1865

Date	No of Vouchers	From whom Purchased.	Stationary		Amount	
			Paper	Envelopes	Dolls	Cents.
1865						
March 31st	1	G. Stanwell	2 Reams	250	14	00

I, Certify the above is a correct Account of purchases made by me for the Quarter Ending 31st March 1865

Franc^s. L. Lynch
Capt + A. Q. M.

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Abstract No.

1st 2nd 1865

J. D. Lynch
Capt + A. Q. M
Brownsville
Texas.

No. 45. Abstract. M.

Abstract of Articles transfered to Wm. M. Perkins Spl agent War department Matamoras Mexico in the Quarter ending on the 31st day of March 1865 by Captain Franc. L. Lynch. A. Q. M. on duty in Cotton Bureau at Brownsville Texas.

Date	No. of Voucher.	To. Whom. Transfered.	Articles. No. or. Quantity	Pounds weight	Remarks.
Feby 17th 1864	1	Wm. M. Perkins Spl agt W. Dept Matamoras. Mexico.	Five Hundred & Fifty nine Bales Cotton.	267220 lbs	
		Totals	559 Bales	267220 lbs	

I. Certify that the above abstract is correct

Franc. L Lynch
Capt & A. Q. M.

Abst. No. 1144.

Receipt from

Wm. M. Perkins

559 Bales

List of Cotton received from Capt Francis J Lynch agt at Brownsville Texas by W. M. Perkins Special Agent Treas Department at Matamoras Mexico from the 6th day of January 1866 to the 7th day of February 1866 inclusive

No or Quantity	Articles	Bales	Pounds	Remarks
559 Five Hundred and fifty nine Bales	Cotton	559	267229	Six bales of Cotton reported by Capt Lynch as having been burned and damaged while in charge of the Quartermaster at Matamoras and subsequently shipped
Two Hundred and Sixty Seven thousand two Hundred and twenty pounds				

I certify that I have received from Capt F. J. Lynch agt as from Janry 6th 1866 to February 7th 1866 inclusive the Cotton specified in the foregoing list (Signed Duplicates)

W. M. Perkins
Special Agent Treas Dept

Voucher, No. 24 1115

Paid the 28th day of February 1865

1st Lt. Signals

Capt. A. A. G. 2d Div. 9. A.

From the 31st day of January 1865

To the 28th day of February 1865

Pay, ... $ 140.00

To ..... years' service, ____

Forage, ...

Amount, ... $ 140.00

The Confederate States,

To Capt Jno. I. Lynch A.C.S. Jr.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	Commencement and Expiration.		Term of Service Charged.		Pay per Month.		Amount.		REMARKS.
	From	To	Months.	Days.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	
Pay—									Ordered on duty by Lt Col Broadwell to Bruinsville Sept 9th 1864,
For myself,	9th Sept 1864	28th January 1865	4 months		One hundred & forty				
For myself for ..... year's service,									
Forage—									
For..... horses,.....							$ 140	00	

I Hereby Certify that the foregoing account is accurate and just; that I have not been absent without leave during any part of the time charged for; that I have not received pay, forage, or received money in lieu of any part thereof, for any part of the time therein charged; that the horses were actually kept in service, and were mustered for the whole of the time charged; that for the whole of the time charged for my staff appointment I actually and legally held the appointment and did duty in the Department; that I have been a commissioned officer for the number of years stated in the charge for every additional five years' service; that I am not in arrears with the Confederate States. on any account whatsoever; and that the last payment I received was from ..... Capt. J. Evans A.C. .....

Lynch A. & I. G. Jr. and to the thirty first day of

January 1865

I, at the same time, acknowledge that I have received of Capt J. Evans A.C. Lynch A. & I. G. Jr.

this 28th day of January, 1865, the sum of One hundred & forty

100 Dollars, being the amount, in full, of said account.

Pay, ... $ 140.00

To..... years' service,

Forage, ...

Amount..... $ 140.00

(Signed Duplicates.)

Jno. I. Lynch
Capt & A. I. G. Jr
Duty in C. Bureau

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Abstract

R. ——

1st Dr 1865

J. L. Lynch

Capt & A.Q.M.

No 13 Abst B.

Abstract of expenditures of the Quartermasters Department by Capt Francis J. Lynch A A M at Brownsville Texas in the quarter ending on the 31st day of March 1865—

Date of Payment	No of Voucher	To whom Paid	In what account	Amount Dollars	Cents
January 5th 1865	Voucher No 1	A J Nelson	For transportation on 57 Bales of Cotton	2201	64
" 9th "	" No 2	James L Scott	" " " 1 " " "	39	76
" 10 "	" No 3	E. D. Galbraith	" " " 1½ " " "	52	40
" 11 "	" No 4	John Ward	" " " 39 " " "	1411	62
" 11 "	" No 5	Hugh Lewis	" Services forwarding and forwarding Govt. Stores	15	00
" 13 "	" No 6	John H Fogg	" Transportation on 41 Bales of Cotton	464	25
" 14 "	" No 7	S B Sawyer	" " " 30 " " "	247	11
" 16 "	" No 8	Wm Swinnall	" " " 90 " " "	4511	25
" 18 "	" No 9	C Bender	" " " 74 " " "	3934	92
" 17 "	" No 10	A Nunlin	" " " 43 " " "	1640	00
" 19 "	" No 11	Henry Block	" " " 14 " " "	167	40
" 31 "	" No 12	F J Girard	" Services as Clerk in quartermasters department	60	00
" 31 "	" No 13	F H Cerquier	" " at Cotton Yard	45	00
" 31 "	" No 14	Bethel Coxwood	" Transportation on 95 Bales of Govt Cotton	4856	94
" 31 "	" No 15	R West	" Yardage marking and weighing Govt Cotton	171	97
" 31 "	" No 16	H le Broadwell	" Labor Rolling Govt Cotton	9	50
" 31 "	" No 17	Santos Rodrigues	" Services	7	20
Feby 6 "	" No 18	Luis Arocha	" Transportation on 42 Bales of Govt Cotton	336	00
" 7 "	" No 19	W. S. Johnson	" " " 32 Bales " " "	1251	71
" 20 "	" No 20	F W Girard	" Services as Clerk	20	00
" 20 "	" No 21	Santos Rodrigues	" " in Office and Cotton Yard	8	00
Jany 18 "	" No 22	J W Latham	" Duties on 127 Bales Govt Cotton	76	25
				$ 21520	95

No 13 Abst B.

Abstract of Expenditures of the Quartermasters department by Capt Franc. I. Lynch A. Q. M. at Brownsville Texas in the Dt Ending 31st March 1865

Date of Payment	No of Voucher	To Whom Paid	On What acct	Dollars	cts	Remarks
			Amt Brot For'd	21520.	95	
31st Jan'y 65	23	Franc. I. Lynch	Two mos Pay.	280.	00	
28th Feby 65	24	Franc. I. Lynch	one mo Pay	140.	00	

I hereby Certify the above is a correct account of Expenditures under Abst. B. For 1st Qr 1865

Franc. I. Lynch
Capt + A. Q. M.

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Acct Amount

1st Qr 1865

F. L. Lynch

Capt & A. Q. M.

Brownsville

The Confederate States in account Current with Capt Franc. L Lynch asst. Qr. Mr. Confederate States army on duty in Cotton Bureau Brownsville Texas during the quarter Ending 31st March 1865

		Cr.			Dr.		
Jany 31st 1865.	To amt of Purchases abst. A.	14	00	1865 Jan'y 31st	By Cash Rec'd from Treasury Dept. State through Wm. M. Perkins	19169	43
Feby 28	To amt Expenditures abst B.	21940	95	" "	By cash from do. do do	700	00
Jany 31st	To amt transferred to Officers B.C	31	00	Jany	By Cash Rec'd from Major Baughn	150	00
				Jany 24th	By Cash Stoppages for 74 Bls Cotton to be delivered in Mexico 12½ p Bl	46	25
				Jan'y 1st	By Cash on hand 31st Dec 1864	81	58
				Feby 18th	By Cash Rec'd from Wm. M. Perkins	1837	71
		$21984	95			$21984	97

I. Certify on honor the above is a correct Statement of the Receipts and disbursements of all Public funds in my hands during the quarter Ending 31st March 1865

Franc. L. Lynch
Capt & A. Q. M.

Brownsville July 10. 65

1178

Capt. F. D. Lynch

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Asking to have his resignation accepted after this conduct has been satisfactorily examined.

File

Brownsville Texas May 11th 1865

Col.

I have still remained on duty here. Receiving the Govt Cotton en route for this place. Very little of which is arriving. Gen'l Slaughter has. Received orders I have heard to Evacuate Brownsville. and our Right are now marching orders. this (Right. Shoalwaters) is immunes more than half the present force. how this circumstance have. given a general alarm, all or nearly so. of the merchants have boxed up their Goods. and sent them into the interior. orders have I. believe gone up to Rio Grande City to cross the Cotton there over to the Mexican side - under these circumstances. I. cannot see that any Force here. will be necessary to the interests of the Govt. I. have also spoken to the Quarter on the subject who informs me. he does not Expect to deliver or purchase Govt Stores in a long time yet. under these circumstances I. thought it Not wrong to leave here (in the absence of orders) and close up at Matamoras all my Cotton business and obtain Receipts

My family interests are neglected my Farm are not cut by any negros altho I own work near twenty hands. the Commonest necessaries of life are not cut by the farm I have had no one to send to my place but for a short period since the war.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servant
H Brown late Lieut
Capt & A. D. C.

Col
Jno A Broadwell
Shreveport
La

Concrete DeWitt C. Mch 25th 1865

Capt. D. J. Lynch 19

1295

Enclosing opinion of Col E.R. Hand Collector in regard to whiskey supposed to have been smuggled on the Rio Grande.

file

J. Thompson Lt
24 Capt 1865.

Resp forwarded for the information of the Treasury Dept.-

W. A. Bromwell
Asst Sec

EB
872 Resp. returned
apr. 26. 1865.

#19 P. W. Gray
Agt. Treas. Dept

Steamer Cuba

Encinal to D C Mill Ag March 25th
1875

Wm. D. Rapley

Dear Sir

Col E. R. Mora the present Collector at Brownsville was recently in Goyales to attend the U.S. Court and the Lawyers' Employees by mr Lewis about his whiskey laid the papers before him. and he gave the Enclosed Opinion and requested me to copy and send to him at Brownsville. I have had my daughter to copy the present one it has been a change against me and I felt interested in it's investigation

Genl. Slaughter also investigated it pronounced it false so far as smuggling was concerned false so far as my knowledge of it whatever and above by compliments me as a faithful officer Etc these papers went to Dis Att'd Irs. in suspending my duty in Goyales I made some enemies. by refusing applications for details & in some instances reporting some back to their commands who did not comply. with the requirements & in one instance I had Cotton siezed &c.

Can an tonio belonging to a Planter
whom I furnished with Bagging &
Rope and who stole it at night
out of the County, These Prantis
, Abm L. Brown got with the whole
Slavan, as it was Proper to Prantis
& Abm Brown and Le Grand

Very Respectfully
F. L. Lyons

Houston April 15th 1864

Have Not written for
to be forwarding since but an overflow in the
Guadelupe Prevented F. L. L.

Copy

Purchasing quartermasters Office
Houston ~~Texas~~ April 15th /65

Captain F. J. Lynch
a. q. m. C. S. A.

Captain. I have Rec'd your Report of all (Cotton
Received by you while agent of the Texas Cotton Office
at Goyaleg while under my administration. Embra-
-cing 702 Bls and also your abstract showing the
disposition made of the same.

These documents have been examined
and I take pleasure in stating they are correct
and satisfactory

Allow me Captain while acknowledg-
-ing the above Reports to testify to the zeal and fide-
-lity evinced by you in the discharge of the
duty to which you were assigned

I am Captain
Your most Obedt Servant
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col. & late chief Q. M. C. Office

A true Copy
F. L. Lynch
S

Copy

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston April 14th 1865

Capt F. L. Lynch Qm.

Capt

As requested I hereby
Certify. that you have satisfactory accounts
for all the Cotton which you have received
while acting for the Cotton Bureau and for
which you were accountable to this office

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

A true Copy
F. L. Lynch

Matamoras, July 16th 1863.

Captain,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of this date with bills of lading as stated for Cotton Consigned by you to this city

say Jno Smith 23 bales
W.W. Wood 9 "
W.O. Hinkley 19 "
W.A. Stephens 37 "
Nat Myers 40 "
do 21 "
152 bales - and Am ready at any time

I will undertake to have it received and protected. I deeply regret however, the necessity which calls you away and shall be glad to welcome you back, learning in all Our intercourse that for prompt & efficient agent and well Conducted Establishment no other Officer will rank more favorably for the interests of the government than you have done here.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. W. Parkinson
Actg Asst Qr Mr
Actg Asst Dept
Actg in Cotton Bureau

To Capt. Francis J. Lynch
A.Q.M.
Brownsville

Copy. no 1

Gonzales, March the 7th 1865.

Gentlemen

Yours of this date is at hand relative to two cases of the seizure of Liquors from the Lewis. About this first case I will remark that it has already been brought to my attention. The matter was first called to the attention of the Hon. D. P. Gray agt. S. M. D. by Hon D. Staffs. Collector of this District of Galveston. By Judge Gray it was refered to me for investigation the result of that investigation has been that I have learned that S. Ybarra entered at Lorado 50 Bbls of Whiskey paying the duties on it and obtaining a permit for the importation of the same, but on this permit he actually introduced at that port and at that time only 16 Bbls. This entry was made and permit obtained previous to the going into effect of the act of Congress. There is nothing on record in the C House to show that any part of the remainder of the invoice, of 50 Bbls has ever been imported by any one, But S. Ybarra, made application to me last month to allow 9 Bbls to pass which he claimed

to be part of the permitted invoice in the
course of my correspondence with him and
others. I learned he had sold out of the
invoice some time previous 20 Bbls to Mr Lewis,
and 5 Bbls to A. Mitchell & co. Thus the whole
invoice of 50 Bbls was accounted for. The 5 Bbls
had been seized at Brownsville because it was
passed after dark. The 9 Bbls had not passed
and the 20 Bbls reported as sold to Lewis
did not appear to have ever passed. So far as
the record of the C House Shows when I was
informed that 20 Bbls of Whiskey had been seized
here from Mr Lewis I thought there might be
some connection. I see now among the papers
accompanying your letter, an informal permit
from Col S. E. Lathan, the Collector, for 20 Bbls to
pass for Mr Lewis, as part of the Iturria invoice
of 50 Bbls

There are all the facts that I have
been able to come at from every source and
you ask my opinion whether the Liquor has been
rightfully seized I hope you will see the propri
ety of my withholding my opinion upon the
Law of a case which is already before the Judici
al authorities, When Iturria applied to introduce
the 9 Bbls above spoken of. I refused the application

Sugesting to him to appeal to the Depar agt-S. M.

D. I refused the application of N. Mitchel & co to release this 3-Bble leaving that question to the court. It is to under a Statement about all the cases of seizures by the officers of customs in my district that I have come at the present time to Gonzales to attend court.

In my opinion it was irregular to have given a permit for 50 Bble. to pass when only apart of that number were ready to be passed. the whole amount of an invoice ought to be passed at the same time or nearly at the same time. It was irregular to give a permit to pass goods at a different post from the one where the entry was made. or a permit to be used at two or more ports. It was irregular when the permit was granted, to subsequently subdevide it and issue smaller permits. All these irregularities have been indulged in. in the case of the Gloria permit, and have begotten confused to the office and the parties besides. causing me a great deal of unnecessary trouble, to avoid this confusion I have adopted a strict rule as to future importations. but as to past transactions I have felt bound to regard the distinction between irregularities and unlawful or fraudulent acts

I have ruled to be irregular. Several things which my predecessor thought were regular. But parties doing business at the custom House are compelled to accept the action of the collector as Lawful. If he issues papers in an improper manner the irregularity is his not theirs. If there be no fraud on their part or collusion I have not thought it proper to hold them responsible in cases of this sort. That have come to my knowledge. where goods have actually been introduced under my predecessors authority, I have had no hesitation in expending to the parties, the necessary papers. Had the 20 Bbls of Whiskey which has been seized from the Lewis been in Brownsville when I entered upon the duties of the office. I would certainly on application have ordered the deputy at that port to have given a certificate to the party for his protection against the action of all revenue officers and detectives in my district. As to the second case of seizure which you have presented to me. which it seems has not been done by any officer of custom. or judicial process I can say that the certificate of Mr Silverman the deputy collector dated decem 28 1864. is in my opinion a proper one. and

ought to have protected the Goods from seizure. I entered upon the office of Collector on the 1st of Feby 1865. and have retained the same Gentleman in the same office of Deputy. My instructions to him are in similar cases to issue similar Certificates. There seems to be a mistake in the Publics mind as to articles which are contraband by the present Law it seemes to be presumed that all such articles introduced, has been smuggled. It ought to be remembered, that there are three cases in which parties may lawfully hold or deal in there articles First when the articles were in the country prior to the passage of the present import Law Second when the articles were purchased for this Market in foreign Market prior to the passage of that Law and third which is a variation of the first case, Goods once in the country properly or Goods produced in the country may be afterwards reimported free of duty. This case is applicable. to all Goods which were on the Rio Grand in the fall of 1863 and which were

carried over to Mexico to avoid capture by
the Enemy -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
E. K. Ford
Col: Dis Co Santiago
Texas

Messrs
Chandler & Mc Kean
Gonzales

A true Copy of
Col Ford's Letter
H. D. Lynch

Brownsville 10th Jan 1865

Capt T. D. Lynch A.Q.M.

1016

Inclosing "Statement of Cotton" "Receipts and Packing" - "Certificate of Weight"

Cotton Bureau T. Dept

Shreveport 21st Jany 1865

Respectfully referred to Capt Blewett. in the absence of Capt Lynch noted in the Consignee's office

W. A. Broadwell
Lt & Asst.

Please return -

E.B.
*J15.

Brownsville Jan'y 11th 1865

Col.

Inclosed please find Statement of Cotton Received by me and turned over to Mr Wm M Perkins Spl Agt as Offt Official Receipt from Mr Perkins for Same. also find a letter from Mr Perkins to you. also Certificate from Dr West Inspector & weigher Custom house

Mr Lightman D. Collector was to make out a similar Statement but has been so prejudiced for time has not yet done it and I cannot wait longer as I desire the past Dr. papers to go by this Mail and also that my renewed application of Virginia Tim may be before you. there is a difference of $5 c in my favour as accepted by Mr Perkins which arose from Keys over limits I. made the parties pay him the Cash in Matamoras for such Keys. as the amts were not divisible in Bales. I then paying them freight on such Keys & all other Keys it did not have to go through the Custom house

in my name but in theirs.

I have the honor
to be your obt
Servant
Wm. L. Ley wis
Capt & A.A.G.
on duty in C. Barrancas

Lt Col. H. A. Broadwell
Shreveport La

Brownsville 9th Jan 1865

Capt. F. D. Lynch, A.A.G.

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Inclosing letter of Lt. S. Anderson tendering resignation—
asks that the resignation be accepted
& states reasons.

filed—

Answered 31st Jany
copy of order
from orders 11th inst
accepting resignation
forwarded—

Agency of Dr McDeft to acquire
Cotton Possessions Jany 9th 65

Vol

I have the honor herewith to
tender my unconditional resignation
as Capt & A. D. C. in Confederate States
army to take effect from 1st P
M. E by. next and respectfully request
that the Genl Comdg may accept
the same. The following reasons while
I hope, plead in my favour. I have
been in the service three years and four
months. My only son has been in the
service longer. I have Eight grown
daughters and Step daughters and
a wife at home, on a plantation.
without any earthly protection. except
my own negroes. and have not had for
years. My private fortune, is, as an such
a course, daily becoming smaller. I am
fifty years of age, and my conscience tells
me, I have done my whole duty in this
struggle. Younger and more active men

Can be Journalized as to Jurisdiction
Duties as I have been engaged in
and the present Juries Closing
out the Cotton Business, where I have
been on duty 14 months is a favorable
time, to accept my Resignation

I have the honor
to be Your Obt
Servant
Fran^{s}. D. Lynch
Capt & A. A. G. on
duty in C. Business

Col S. S. Anderson
A. A. Genl.
Shreveport
La,

Private

Brownsville Jan.y 9th 1865

Col.

I, again forward my resignation and through your influence I hope to have it accepted. Read my letter to Col. Anderson. it is not a full statement of my situation, as my affairs at home are getting deplorable I have done every thing in my power in this thing &c. assuming positions I, Then to be obnoxious to the people. because I comprehended its necessity. I am blamed and represented as stealing. all the Cotton that comes to Brownsville. this I am willing to bear. having the satisfaction of knowing. that perhaps through my humble efforts. some poor Soldier has obtained an additional blanket or pair of shoes. I, have signed Cotton accounts for all the Purchases I have made without enquiring the character quantity or quality of the articles purchased. I, had confidence in his Judgement and integrity. I, assumed all responsibility. if

was. nearly ninety the men wanted the clothes. I. was so strict in discipline & masters rules the time and occasion did not admit of it. even if I. was to be blamed by it I. should do it again— I. am sure you know responsible for all the articles which went in. if they fall off in quantity or quality. I am held accountable altho I. never saw any of them except the outside of the Boxes and Bales they were in. these considerations and the Burden going out of Existance together with my domestic affairs Regems me ought get my Resignation accepted.

Cotton is very slowly coming in by reason of dry. there will be more more than I. Expect to Receive I. shall in the absence of other instructions. close up here and endeavour the Expence of the few detailed men I. have and wait until I. Receive instructions to the contrary, await your order. I. have to Exchange Receipts with agents at San antonio & Houston. after 1st Feb adress me at Concordia Red river City Texas

Col W. A. Broadnax I have the honor to be your Obt Svt
Shreveport, La. Wm. J. Lynch Capt. A.C.S.

Office of A.A.G. M.
115 Bis Qr City Tex.
April 14th 1865.

Pay to the order of Lt
Sam[t] Lytle.

(Signed) J. H. French.
Capt A.A.G. M.

Office Brig D. Master
Fort Brown April 8th 1843.

Sir

Please pay to the Order of Capt S. H. French A. A. D. Mr C. S. A. the Specie in your hands Collected on account of the exchange on Cotton, — Capt French will receipt to you for the Amount which receipt with this order, shall be your Voucher in the final Settlement of our Accounts.

To Lorenzo Castro Esq
Govt agt
Eagle Pass.

(signed)

Respectfully your Obt Svt
Charles Bunnell
Major C. S. P. A.
Brig. D. Master

Eagle Pass April 25th 1863

$ 8500.00

Received of Lewis Cass C.S. Agent at Eagle Pass, the sum of Eight Thousand four hundred Dollars in Specie (Gold & Silver)

(Signed) Sam Lytle
Lieut Comp H Woods Regt

Anacoco Sabine Pa La 3 apl 65

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Jn. McAlpine.

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Striking Pay for handling Cotton by
order A. W. McKee.

Natchez Sabine Parish
April 5th 1865

Mr. McAlpin

1274

Has a claim for
hauling cotton to Bienvi
Ferry - vouches by Gt Hicks
Murray - to Bullock will
not pay it - It is McKee
letting that could handle
from Rapides Parish at
C.S. Gov - two cotton

Col. W. R. Broadnax

Sir I Sold receipts of
Wm M. Scherer & E. W. Burg for
Cotton delivered at Burrs Ferry
by order of D. W. B. & C. Rec. for
Handling the same to that place
There is due me Two Hundred
and forty six Dollars I have
presented this Claim to Mr. Bullock
and he refers me to you for
Payment please Send me your
Draft for the Amount

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Jno. A. Broadnax

Raleigh N.C. Nov 20

Salisbury Rowan

April 3rd 1865

Parkers Bluff Lee
Co Ark Feb 13 1857

Jno H McClanahan
Agent

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Report of Cottons
delivered brought
& shipped

Duncan Bluff 21st Nov 1864

Col W. A. Broadwell

Henderson

Col

your favoring date of 8th Inst has been received asking for precise Amount of Cotton Received at Magnolia and placed at my disposal, also Amount acquired by me or Coming into my possession from other sources, (710) Seven hundred and Ten Bales is the amount delivered at Magnolia (466) Four hundred and Sixty Six Bales has been Shipped to Capt. Twichell San Antonio Making a balance on hand of (244) Two hundred & forty four Bales all of which in bad order and liable to waste as a portion of it is without Bagging or Rope. I informed Maj Rugell of San Antonia in regard to the Condition of this Cotton and made application for Baling when it first Came into my possession and am sorry to say have Received Three (324) three hundred and Twenty four Bales is the Amount Received by me in this County (268) Two hundred & Sixty Eight has been Shipped Making a ballance of (56) fifty Six Bales on hand (634) Six hundred and thirty four Bales is the Am't purchased since 20th of June. Ballance in the hands of planters or owners (311)

Three hundred & Eleven Bales for which I have Contracted for,- As regards the probable quantity I would say the Bureau is yet entitled to (250) Two hundred & fifty Bales which I have not been able to purchase notwithstanding I have used every effort to accomplish the same, at the above figures you will perceive the Bureau is entitled to (560) Five Hundred & Sixty Bales, how far I may be able to succeed is for the future to tell- be assured I shall spare no pains in trying to procure Cotton for the Government

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno H McClanahan
Agt

Vallecy Bluff May 6th 1858

John H. McClanahan

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Refuse to deliver to Cahill Cotton. Nothing Special order to Take Charge of the Cotton and attend to baling

Mr. Cahill Cotton Planter

Mr. McClanahan

Parkers Bluff May 6th 1865

Wm D. Ripley
Asst Q.M.
Shreveport

Sir

I have Received Yours bearing date Apl 24th directing me under Orders from Col Broadwell to deliver the Cotton at Parkers Bluff to Messrs Boulden & Newell at the earliest day possible, which I would gladly Comply with had I the Cotton in my possession — In my letter to you bearing date Apl 13th I mentioned the Order I had received from Maj Charles Russell to take Charge of the Cotton at Parkers Bluff and have it put in Order without delay. Immediately after receiving Maj Russells Order I employed a Gentleman to put the Cotton at Once in order at Magnolia and Parkers Bluff — the Cotton at Magnolia was put in order and delivered to Messrs Boulden & Newell on the receipt of your letter of March 30th At that time I had presented Maj Russells letter to Mr J. Ward who had charge of the Cotton at Parkers Bluff and supposed it to be entirely satisfactory to him Consequently I wrote you on Apl 13th That I was then having the Cotton at Parkers Bluff put in Order and would be ready in the Course of two or three weeks for delivery — At that time some Thirty or forty Bales of the Cotton was Rebaled but to my astonishment Mr. Ward who had charge of the Cotton assumed the position under a previous letter he had received from Maj Russell that the Cotton was still under his Control and that he would have the Cotton put in Order and deliver the same to Messrs Boulden & Newell — It becomes necessary for me as agent to mention here that Mr Ward yet has a Press to put up before he Can have the Cotton put in Order —

(Over)

As I stated to you in my former letter the Cotton would have been in order before this and ready for delivery had it been under my Control. I mention this in justification to myself. Not that I desire to take Charge of the Cotton Should Col. Broadwell still desire me to take Charge of the Cotton & have it put in order and deliver the same to Messrs Boulden & Powell, I desire he should give me an Order to Mr. Ward for the Cotton Revoking all previous orders Mr. Ward may have in relation thereto so that no misunderstanding Can take place. Then I will have the Cotton at Once put in order and delivered to the Contrary, should the Col desire Mr. Ward to have the Cotton put in order then I ask that I may be released from all obligations Connected with the Cotton at Parkers Bluff. I have most all the Cotton in my District together & ready for delivery, except a few lots which the planters after having delivered it now claims the right to hold it in Consequence of Peter M. Hays order in regard to their exemptions. In justification however to my own County Anderson I must say not Ours as yet has their Cotton

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Jno A. McClanahan

Parkers Bluff Aug 1st 1865
Lt Colm M. Broadwell
Asst Qr Mr
Vicksburg
Miss

Relative to delivering Cotton. Asking Instructions &c
Order to take Charge of Cotton & attend to delivering

Magnolia Anderson Co. Texas
May 6th 1865

Lt. H.C.T. Broadwell

Dear Sir

The 18th day of March last I contracted with Mr. J. H. McClanahan, the Cotton Agt. of this County — to repair and put in good order the Cotton Gin at Magnolia and Parkers Bluff.

The Magnolia Cotton I did put in good order, and started to do the same with the Cotton at Parkers Bluff: but after hauling & repairing thirty eight bales of it — Mr. J. H. Mc. was not willing for me to have it as I wished — and had the Cotton in such miserable

der that he could and would not turn it over to Mc & H Mc C Canahan — ~~xxx~~ So I was compelled to stop repairing the same, until there could be an order from you to Mc & Mc C Canahan to take charge of the Cotton —

If I could have been permitted to manage the Cotton as I bargained with Mc & Mc C Canahan to do — All the Cotton that was fit to repair — would have been now in good order,

It is now in a most miserable condition — At least thirty or more bales have been cut all the prints with the knife and begin to rot with Cattle running out at will, And that portion of it under

Shelter – stock of nearly all kinds have been sleeping on and destroying it generally – A steam Boat took off one one hundred and twenty four bales of it, the 20th of last Oct. But not delivered by Mr. McClanahan –

I could and would complete my contract with him – if the Cotton was entirely in his hands but while Mr. Starks has, or thinks he has control of it can have nothing further to do with it –

Very Respectfully

L. H. & Bryan.

Hd Qrs Dist. Mil. Dist
Hunstsville 23d Aug 1863

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Henry E. McCulloch
Brig Genl. Comdg

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His views with respect to the Cotton trade – Letter to be added to the Schedule submitted by Col Terrell
Efficient officers to carry out the plans to be adopted

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Hd Qrs East Sub Mil Dist
Houston Texas Aug. 23rd 1863.

Sir

Major Genl Magruder has done me the honor of asking me to give my views with Regard to the proper Management of the Cotton trade in and through his Military District

After fully endorsing all that he has written respecting Major Hart and Colonel Lamar there is but little left to be said, as his letter places the true condition of affairs fully before the Lieut General, and proposes the necessary remedy for the evil which so unfortunately exists

The Schedule submitted presents the leading features of a plan which I think would succeed well in the hands of such a Man as Col Lamar and those that his good judgement would enable him to select to aid him in carrying it into effect

The Condition of our Affairs renders it imperatively necessary in my opinion for the Lt Genl to take entire Control of the Cotton trade, and give it such direction as to sustain

the Creat of the Confederate States with foreign Nations, and afford the means of supporting our Army

Should he do this, he must expect Speculators and traitors, as well as politicians and demagogues to complain of usurpation, but the cotton growers and true men of the country will sustain him

The responsibilities resting upon the President are many and fearful, but it is hoped he will boldly to assume them boldly and select the proper men to aid him in executing his plans

The total want of public confidence in many of our officers renders a thorough change necessary

In making these changes great care must be taken in the selection of suitable men to fill the different positions, and none but men of sterling honesty and ability should be employed, and in order to give full confidence they should be personally known to the people as far as possible

The country through which

this produce must pass ere it ne-
-cessary to use steam chiefly in trans-
-porting it, which will have to subsist
on grass, hence there is a necessity
for prompt and energetic action in
getting cotton to the Rio Grande before
Winter sets in

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt.
Henry E. McCulloch
Brig Genl Comdg D.S. Dist

Brig Genl W.H.C. Boggs
Chf of Staff Lt Genl Smith
Shreveport
La

Shrewsbury 12th April 1864

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Hough Macdonald

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Referring to his proposal to purchase Alton.

File

Park No 1153 to 1223

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Rm 12 Verandah Hotel
11th April 1865

Lt. Col. St. Aubyn
Chief of Cotton Bureau

Dear Sir

I am unable to to stir out of my room today owing to an attack of sickness from which I have been suffering for more than a week,

Referring to the proposal I made you yesterday I beg leave to defer any further action on it for a short time to be renewed again as soon as I possibly can when I can satisfy you as to my ability to furnishing the most ample security in any contract which I may have the pleasure of making with you and also as to my own ability for carrying out the same to the letter,

In acceding to the terms of the proposal I cannot help thinking that I have made them too exact— the value of 2500 bales of cotton in Liverpool at present date would be at $225 per B/C $492.500
Deducting transportation charges say $30 63.000
Would leave a balance of $409.500

But in disposing of this cotton it is scarcely likely that my friends would enter into the arrangement at the rate of $225 per bale when you consider that the property though comparatively safe cannot be insured and is situated in a country where war is being carried on, In my judgement the utmost that could be raised on that

amount of cotton owned not be more than
one half of the present estimated value in Liverpool
say £204,950
at which I should have to advance
funds with you to this amount of £150,000
which would leave in me in Specie ——— £54,950
and Confederate funds ——————— 150,000
In all £204,950

Besides which in the event of failure
in Europe in negotiating the funds which
I have no reason to anticipate one third of
my cotton would be forfeited to the ~~Cotton~~
Government without any return at all.

In view of the above event I must ask
your permission to decline making any
proposal for the present, I could not complete
consummate any transaction just now
from the fact that I have not my books
along with me to inform me of the localities
of the Cotton, I venture you will excuse this
trouble and I have given you I am

Yours respectfully
Hugh Macdonald

Shreveport. 11th April 1864

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Haigh Macdonald

Proposition in regard to Cotton.

Sir "Pack 16" Cotton Risque de Shreveport 11 April 1864 Respy refered to me by Thos H Baker, Chief of Ord. Dept Artillery, I acquainted an acceptance of this proposition for the purpose of securing a. shipment of funds which can be immediately injected in ordnance stores.

W. T. Broadwell
Lt Col & Chief
of Cotton Bureau

E.B. 200.

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Colonel, Shreveport La. 1.1 th April 1864

I propose to secure an exemption against the distruction and Suspension of 21 00. Twenty one hundred Bales of Cotton, owned by myself in Southern Portion of Arkansas & Northern Portion of Texas in consideration of which I will exchange with the Govmt for the Confederate Currency of the Dept ($150,000) One hundred fifty thousand Dollars in Gold or its equivalent for. One hundred fifty thousand Dollars in Confederate Currency. The Cotton not to removed from its present locality until after the declaration of Peace

Lt Col
W. A. Broadwell
Chief of
Cotton Bureau

Hugh Macdonald

If the Cotton is exempted from distruction in advance of any ability to make the exchange of funds as proposed. ... dry thirds of the Cotton will be left at the disposal of the Govmt to Confederate the property of the Govmt Should the transaction not be consummated within six months —

Hugh Macdonald

Shreveport. 21st Nov. 1863

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A. R. McDonald

Letter of Lieut
of Inverness 24th inst.
Reply referred to Brig
Genl Boggs - in connection
with the original com-
-munication from the Engineer
He has been informed
that I have recom-
-mended the Cavalry Co
to destroy all the
Cotton in Lafourche
likely to be left. with-
-out our lines -
that I have full
confidence in his ability
to succeed -
As Mr McDonald
has rendered the
Govmt an important
service, and is
a Gentleman who
can be relied upon
and one of the
very few, for.
whose Good con-
-duct I am willing
to be held. re-
-sponsible,
I respectfully
recommend. If
Consistent with
the views of the
Genl Comdg -
that he be fur-
-nished a letter.
Something like
the enclosed Mem-
-orandum,

W. T. Brandenburg
Lt Col.

Shreveport. 21st Nov 1864

Colonel.

I have to inform you that I have not succeeded in getting any portion of the two Bales of cotton sold since last report from the Messrs Rowan - you have transmitted Letters of Messrs Barings Bros & London. showing that the Bills on England given you in Payment for the above Cotton; have been provided for - In pursuance of the arrangement made with you - I obtained from the authorities at Washington permission to export 15,000 Bales of cotton, through the territory of the U S States, - You have inclosed the duplicates of Laws Given relating thereto - We Defendants have also given me authority to buy with your Funds 100 waggons with mule teams to transport my cotton to the river. Provided I can show him evidence that the transportation will not be charged by you more than £20,000. Sterling Account, I brought with £20,000. Sterling Bills of the Bank of Montreal on London. also Letter of Credit from a Banker. shall known to you for £25-0,000 I shall be pleased to carry out the original Arrangement if still desirable with Your Government.

To Lt Col W. H. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La.

Respectfully
Jno [illegible]

Hamburg Dec 31. 60

A. R. McDonald

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Application for permit to
reforest 600 Bales cotton
300 on Little River & 300 near G
Washington Ga - also protection
for Negroes engaged in the reforesting
thereof

Filed

Houma Dec 21st 1864

Col W. A. Maudsell

Sir

I have the honor to apply for a permit to export six hundred bales cotton viz three hundred (300) bales of cotton in Little River near Gulf shore Lafourche & three hundred (300) do. near Washington Ter La. under the terms & restrictions of the Cotton bureau also for permit & protection for Steamer engaged in the export thereof

Respectfully
A. K. McDonald

Cotton Bureau
Shreveport 18 Apl. 1864

Capt. refers to Genl Smith. This Capt comes to me very highly recommended & is no doubt entitled to full confidence. The Govt has about 1500 B/S Cotton within 25 miles of the Red River, over 600 Bales of which is known not to have been burned. There is also a large quantity of Cotton owned by private individuals in the counties of Desoto, Ashley, Chicot & that portion of Desha south of the Ark. River.

This proposition commends itself to my judgement as the quickest & least expensive mode of procuring means to provide the Dept with Ordinance stores.

As a business transaction it is deemed highly favorable to the Govt & if there are no political or Military reasons to prevent its approval, I recommend its acceptance.

W. McDonald will expect to conciliate the planters by giving them a proper value for the property he may acquire from them so that they will favor rather than oppose its egress from the Country.

I will send a competent person to superintend the consummation of this business & receive the 500 Bales in Sterling or Gold in advance of the Cotton leaving the Country.

Should the Commanding Genl. decide to avail himself of this offer he can remit funds for the use of his Dept. it will be necessary to issue an order authorizing the Exportation of Cotton to the extent named for Government purposes in favor of the person designated by me to superintend the transaction

U. S. Broadwell
Special Agent

I thank this proposition for the interest of the Govmt & recommend its acceptance.

A. J. Smith
Mjr Genl Comdg
Genl Reinforcements
Dept Gulf Miss

Hd Qrs: Trans-Miss. Dept
Shreveport April 27. 64

Approved
By command of
Genl E. Kirby Smith
S. S. Anderson
Asst Adjt Genl

Colonel Shreveport Lou. April 18th 1864

I am a member of a banking house in Montreal Canada - a subject of Great Britain. Our firm have received from Southerners in Canada a considerable amount of Confederate Money. I have with me about $250.000 of Southern money - $60.000 Southern Bank notes - also about $30.000 of Federal Currency. When I left home our house had about $60.000 & $100.000 in Gold, and about the same amount of funds which could be rendered available in 3 or 10 days. In addition we have $50.000 in the Bank of England. I would be glad to employ the resources of our house in some manner that would prove profitable to ourselves and useful to the South, if it can be done without much risk. I am confident that by perfecting arrangements (which reference has been made) I can receive and export Cotton to Europe, and to such an extent as the Govt will transfer to me such Cotton near the Miss. River, I will advance down $50. per Bale in Gold or its Equivalent, and a like amount when the Cotton is shipped from New York or Canada. In addition I will purchase with my own means, for use of the Govt on terms acceptable to the people 10 or 15000 B/Cotton is also to be shipped to England for my own use the Cotton to be taken from the Govt at an advance of $50. per Bale in Gold or its Equivalent, over & above the cost, or the price the Cotton is acquired from the people.

Lieut. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau

A. R. McDonald

Washington Apr 16 May 16, 1862

M P. M. Elrod
& J. A. Williams.

Cotton Bonds.

Shreveport 20th May 62

Resp returned. with the remark that the Court is desirous of facilitating cotton obtaining supplies ruled by the Quarter, but the late Law of Congress regulating disposition of all Cotton in the hands of the Enemy must govern all transactions relating in the sale of Cotton —

By conformity to the rules of the Treas Dept

turning over one half of the Cotton to the agents of the Enemy at San Antonio an exemption can be obtained, under which the remainder can be exported - A return of 25 actual bales by which 200 Gun bales can be purchased can be accomplished —

M A Brownlee
Clerk

See Letter Book this date.

Washington Ark. May 16th 1864

Lieut Genl. E. Kirby Smith

Dear Sir if it be not
Contrary to the interest of the Confederate
States, we would like to obtain the privilige to
Carry Cotton to Mexico & Exchange it for
Medicines to supply the wants of the people
of this country.

Should any recommendation be
Necessary we would refer you to Hon. J.D. Royston
& Hon. H.B. Mitchell with whom we are Perso-
nally and well acquainted.

Should this request
meet your favorable reply would be
gladly received.

Respectfully your Obt. Servts.
Warren P. McElroy
Jos. A. Williams

List of Lots of Cotton in Eastern Texas -

In hands of Judge E. G. Bonner
Jefferson Texas -

At Douglasville Marion County		77 Bales
in Hutchins in Jefferson - about		170 "
~~in hands~~ Col Rusk Scott	Marshall	48 "
Revd J. H. McLean	do	39 "
Dr Lewis	do	32 "
Lane & Taylor	do	45 "
In hands J. P. Dale Clarksville		
Red River County	about	250 Bales
Bonner & Bonner	Rusk County	1111 —
Dr A. G Goodman	Smith County	80 —
Henry Hilfonig	" "	26 —
at Starville	Smith County	about 25 —
" Nacogdoches	Say	40 —
Total 711 Bales		932 Bales

The above is all the available means left out of the large assets of the firm I represent - And as they are very old men - I earnestly invoke your indulgence in the du-

vission of this Cotton till my
return to Texas - when I hope to
be able to make Satisfactory ar-
rangements with you for the Ex-
postulation of the whole - or what
is left after Satisfying the wants
of the department under your charge
Please favor me a line
Care Maj Wm M Peters of this place

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Matamoras Oct 1 1863

S. McElroy.

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In regard to Cotton in Eastern Texas belonging to him & Taylor & Knapp

Passport Nov 17 1863

a copy of the within list was forwarded to Capt Mc Bryer at Jefferson, with instructions to take one half the cotton and pay for the same at 75 cts per pound in old currency or permit a permit to export a like quantity.

Mr McElroy also advised of this action

By direction of Brig Gen Banks

Charles Bunnell

Capt & A.A.G.

Matamoros Oct 1st 1865

Col W. L. Brandlette
Chief Texas Cotton Office

My dear Sir

I have only recently learned that the detachment under your Charge destined taking one half of the Cotton in northern Eastern Texas - always failing that it was beyond the reach of transportation and Consequently of no service to the Government

My object in writing you this is to express my willingness that your department should have the use of the one half of several hundred Bales Cotton of Cotton Stored in my Name and in the name of Taylor & Knapp in many parts of Eastern Texas - principally at Jefferson and in Harrison County and Marshall - I leave for Havana in a day or two and expect return in the Course of three months. when I will send you a Complete list of the above lots of Cotton, when I hope to make arrangement with you for the exportation of the remaining half - or bring the whole out on joint account - As there is no Scarcity of Cotton in that part of Texas I will take

it ow a great favor if you will let the
lots of Cotton in my Name and that
of Taylor & Knapp Remain in Statu quo
till my return to Texas - But should
the public Sale Result any of this
Cotton in the meantime I know you will
do your duty and I shall not Complain
Our friend Mr Ripley Can give
you some idea of the object of my trip out.
Ride &c -

Yours Very truly
J. M. Blount

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San Antonio
Nov 1st 1863

Wm M B McGroty

Asks about pass for cotton.

San Antonio
Nov 27th 63

Respectfully referred to Lt Col Broadnax Chief of Cotton Bureau -
Geo Williamson
Maj & A A Gen

San Antonio Texas Nov 1st 1863

Major Geo. Williamson
A. A. General

Sir

In the event of selling my baggage
wagons & mules to private parties, Can I have a
pass to transport the Cotton, for the proceeds of said
Goods, to Mexico, All Foreign Merchants, who have
introduced Goods into Texas, have been granted that
privilege up to the present time, The above men-
tioned goods were introduced by Stale & Co. and
Milam & Co Matamoras, and Consigned to me to
sell for them, for Cotton, I have offered them
to the Govnal purchasing Agents for the last
two months, without any result, I will therefore
have to sell to private parties and request you
would grant me the same rights that other
Merchants have, who have imported Goods
in like manner

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm McGroarty

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Houston 24th Apl 1864

A. U. McKee. Maj:

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Referring to closing up his business, will take 90 days. Refers to the Cotton at Lake Charles. Can be wagoned in case the water does not rise.

~~Texas Land & Real Estate Agency,~~

~~Houston~~ Houston April 24th 1864

~~Col~~ Col W. A. Broadwell

~~Dear Sir~~ Chief of Cotton Bureau

Shreveport

Col,

After a tedious trip of over two weeks with a sick family I arrived here yesterday. As soon as possible I will get an office and as rapidly as possible make up my accounts & Vouchers - it will probably take 90 days. I find that Mess. Folsom & Sanborn had sent over and received at Lake Charles and neighborhood the 76.912 ℔s of Cotton due them - I have informed Col W. J. Hutchings that I would visit Lake Charles in a few days or send an agent to determine the exact Amount of Cotton which

may have gotten in safely and would turn over to him all such.—

I have also advised Col Hutchings that in case there should come a partial rise in the lower Sabine River say from Sabine Town down, that a steamboat can go up & bring out the Cotton when a flat-boat dare not venture out= I believe we shall have sufficient Water to do this prior to June 1st.—

Failing in this there will be no trouble in getting Piney Woods teamsters to haul said Cotton (not 100 miles) to Beaumont provided they will, while so employed be exempted from Military duty.—

I will be glad to hear what report Capt Berry makes of the condition of the Cotton at Sabinetown.

Can you inform me of the Headquarters of Walkers Division or can you forward a Letter to Maj W. M Stone Genl Walker's Ch 2 m. he owes me an Official Receipt for some Cotton.

If I can render you any service let me know at this point—

Mrs Ricketts little boy was buried this morning—

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
A. V. McKee
Genl Agent &c

1166

1st Sept. 1813

Monthly Report

A. A. Mc Kee

Monthly Report

of

Cotton forwarded from this office to Niblett's Bluff by Andrew McGee under order of Lieut Gen'l E. Kirby Smith

By M. M. Rhorer	from	Rapides Parish	593 Bales
" M. Rabalais	"	Avoyelles do.	150. "
" Maj J. P. Broadwell	"	Avoyelles & St. Landry do.	120 "
		Total	863 Bales.

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria Sept 1st 1863.

A. W. M'Kee Gen'l Agent
to purchase Cotton in La.
for M. M. Rhorer

16th aug 1865
Adv. 21 oxen
Rec 31 bales
Invoice
14
to assume to obtain
merchants of Tepos

Shreveport Aug 16th 63

Lt Col Lt A. Broadwell

Present

Dr Sir

I

Answer to your enquiries of this date, I have to answer, that in my first Journal the following named gentlemen, residents of Texas, & now Citizens of Houston, are very competent to give you intelligent information, as to the effect, present, & probable future, which the Cotton Policy inaugurated by our Govt will exercise in Texas.—

These gentlemen from their high character as Merchants, and Bankers, are also probably as well

qualified to determine upon which financial system will best suit the wants of Texas, and our persons in that State.

Yrs. B. A. Shepherd (Banker)
" George Ball (of Ball Hutchings & Co)
" T. H. McMahan (of McMahan & Gilbert)
" James Love (Cash. Collector & Depository)

Respectfully
Your Obt. Sv.
A. V. McKee
Asst. Agent &c

U. S. Ks. } No 1068
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To Lieut Col Dick Wells
Alexandria Jany 15 64
Respectfully returned
Here is no authority with
the Provost Guard for
detailing or employing
Contrabands, the same
having been expressly
prohibited by order
from Dept. H.Q. Vas.

Signed D. Burnett
A.A.G.M.

Copy

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria Aug 13. 1864

Maj: E. Langet
A. A. G.

Present

Major

I W A Rachal has been my confidential clerk during the past five months holding an exemption from the enclosed order No. 193 from Major Genl Taylor Head quarters.

Lieut Benjamin has this morning informed W Rachal in this office that he will ~~not~~ recognise nothing that does not emenate directly from your office.

W Rachals services are indispensible to me not only in arranging my transportation & removal of Cotton but in assisting W Rhorer in correcting & digesting the various reports from all my sub agencies this being my parent office.

W Rhorer & myself are doing all the business of the office with but one clerk - W Adolphe Rachal -

Please furnish me with the proper detail for him

Respectfully.
Your obt Servt
A A McKee
Major 2nd & Cal Agent
& Purchasing Cotton

a true Copy from the original on file in this office
W. Black
Capt & A.A.G.
Cotton Bureau

Houston 29th Oct 1864

A. W. McKee

Major

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Referring to report.

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Shreveport April 29 1864

By Telegraph from Houston " 29 1864

To H. H. Black

Citizens Bonds

The bill of Cotton Funds

for Mr Miller will go down

A. W. Mocks

Ltm ag to

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#31st January 1864

Maj Andrews Mtd

Quarterly Return of Ordnance Stores for the Fiscal Quarter ending 31st December 1863

~~Copy~~

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria Jan 31st/64.

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Dear Sir,

I am to day in receipt of your letter of 27th & 28th inst, with enclosures of letter from Maj. Dameron (which I forwarded today by safe private hand) and copy of letter from your brother J. P. B. to Capt W. L. Black, referring to his examination of the Washita Cotton. —

Your brother mentions having found some cotton which was not embraced in the Memo furnished Capt Stevenson; I will feel obliged if you will obtain what if any from your brother, as upon examination again of my Record Book I find the Memo given by Mrs Rhoten to tally with the book. Some mistake may have occurred with Dr Young in rendering his Sub Report and, as a large portion of his purchases were paid for in "Certificates for Bonds" I have no means of ascertaining the same until the Certificates come in for payment.

Dr Young informed me when in Lyon last that several

Contracts were made by his Sub Agents and not Completed when he (Dr. Young) left Monroe, but, if completed, would have to be recognized when presented, — there may be a few lots of this nature awaiting Dr. Young's return. I understand that Dr Young is expected at Monroe as long — You will doubtless see him as he passes through Shreveport.

I note your remarks in your favor of 27th inst as regards the prices we should pay for Cotton &c — I am not aware that any prices are now fixed in this State, by the Commissioners, nor that Genl. E.K. Smith had fixed any limit upon the price of Cotton. — I am aware that this was done by Commissioners in Texas, when I believe the price fixed at 25 ℔ lb.

I have seen no Schedule published in this State, nor have I been notified of any action at Headquarters. In extending the limit of prices to Mr. Belknap I do not of course wish him to increase his prices as long as the Cotton can be obtained at present figures — for instance — the limit given to Mr. Belknap by Genl Kirby Smith ago was 25 Cents per lb — Yet in no instance have they paid over 20 Cents I do not wish or intend to come in conflict with your Agents in the portions of Texas

adjacent to Northern Louisiana — On the contrary I take my chief pride in the fact that the Cotton purchased under my supervision has been gotten at so low a figure. —

I will to-day write Mr. J. T. Baldwin (who succeeds Mrs Lamed & Baldwin, Mr L having resigned) to confer with you & fix a tariff of prices, but in doing this I do not (I say this with due deference to Genl. L. K. Smith's opinion) think we should be entirely guided by any arbitrary prices fixed by Commissioners as the Eighth Report as incompetent as did the gentlemen at Tyler in fixing the limit of prices for the whole State of Texas at 20¢ for some months and now but 25¢ Feb., wherein it is my opinion that Texas should have three or four sets of Commissioners " for four different portions of the State, each fixing different rates.

In the last three letters I have received from the Hon. Secty. of the Treasury he urges me to remove obstructions in securing all the Cotton I can purchase in safe localities without fixing any limit of prices — I enclose you a copy of Mr Memminger's letter to Genl L. K. Smith, dated 28th Sept 1863 from what he says in that letter and what he writes Bro Lafer that he is anxious to secure the largest amount of

Cotton possible — Now what is the best plan & rate of price to do the work? —

Genl. Taylor informs me that he considers all this State North of the Atchafalaya River proper localities to purchase Cotton in. —

I have been thinking a good deal about the proposed plan of removing all Good Cottons up Red River to Cranor's Landing, Shreveport & Jeffersonville and have also received some additional information in reference to the condition of said Cotton &c — These remarks are given to you unofficially, as I do not wish to be thought presuming upon the superior knowledge of Genl Smith — Smith & yourself —

1st The amount of this Cotton which is East of Red River is a very small moiety of the whole —

2d all the Cotton west of Red River lies from about the neighborhood of Clenbernette on Cane River, to Shreveport.

3d From late examinations made of this Cotton, on rather that portion lying in Natchitoches Parish, this found that while the Cotton generally is under good shelter, still the dry rot has so affected the bagging and ropes, that the Cotton is as it lies, bursting to a considerable extent

P.S.

Capt Jno Stevenson has been here & left for New Orleans, I will render him all the assistance I can.—

Stevenson is a keen one & I fear has made a good thing out of his arrangement— You should be careful how much you render him any more than actually agreed upon official assistance, as some how or other his arrangement has gotten out in a garbled manner, causing a good deal of talk, and sly intimations that some of the "Officials" are working through him.—

I fear there will be considerable dis-satisfaction and maybe some trouble in the delivery of the Washita Cottons in consequence of my inabil-ity to take up Dr Young's Certificates.

Would not the offer Made by Gen Taylor by Mr Menard have been preferable to the Stevenson arrangement?

If I am not in receipt of funds

soon from Richmond had best-
better pay Mr Mennninger a personal
visit on the subject— I dislike the
idea of the trip, but dislike still
more to be bothered with persons
continually calling for their money
who in most cases really need
their funds & should long since have
been in receipt of same.—

Truly yours

Aworker

P.S.

and, if removed before arm hope (+ bagging
finally) is placed upon it, will arrive at its
destination in a exceedingly bad order, and
consequent heavy loss to the York.
4th All the Warehouses in Shreveport and
other named points will not be sufficient
to afford it protection from the weather.
5th The increased risk of accidents will be
proportionably greater as the Cotton is collected
into closer proximity.
6th So long as the Cotton remains where
originally purchased the seller is bound by
his certificate of sale & take due care of
said Cotton and deliver at his usual
shipping points in order
It is apparent that the Planters, not
the York cannot now procure bagging & hope
to do this work - and am of the opinion
that if it is deemed that said Cotton cannot
eventually be saved, then the interests of the
York will best be subserved by selling it &
repurchasing elsewhere - unless the Powers that
be at Richmond prefer to burn it.
I am very busy making up a grand total

Report of all my Cotton, and Land, Ginned &c &c,
will be ready about 1.5th Feby & will send
you copy of Statement &c

Yours Respectly &c

~~Signed~~ / ~~H. W. Mc Clure~~
A. W. McClure
Special Agent to
Purchase Cotton in La

Mar 31st Camp 18th Reg
Maj Andrews Miss

Alexandria La
12th Sept 1863

Statement of Major McKay
Speaking in La -
also Detailed list of
Guns in Substitutes
Paris by Steamer Bello -

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria La. Nov. 18. 1863

Col. W. A. Broadwell
Ch. Cotton Bureau.
Shreveport.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed I hand you a detailed statement of our Cotton purchases in Natchitoches Parish. Francis Webb. sub agent. also the aggregate of all of our purchases to date. there are some lots not included in m. m. Rhoes Report the detailed weights not having yet been obtained.

Of J. D. Miller and m m Rhoes purchases

1998 Bales were used on Gun Boats
932 " " Burned by our troops in May 1863
50 " " Taken " the Enemy " " "
2978

For the above amounts we have receipts and certificates. we are also unofficially informed that some other lots, say 400 to 500 Bales were burned by our troops in Avoyelles Parish in May last. but up to the present time we have not been able to get the certificates from the C. S. officers who burned the Cotton.

Under Gen. E. Kirby Smiths order we have hauled to Nibletts Bluff La. and delivered

to May 1st Bloomfield from Napoleonville 1259 Bales Cotton and from Donaldsonville and St Landry Parishes about (one agents report being overdue but not yet to hand) 560 Bales. Since the retreat of the enemy we have resumed operations will start over 30 wagons from here within the next 10 days.

Very Resply Yr obt Servant
A.W. McRae Genl Agt.
To purchase Cotton in La
for W.M. Thomas Asst Agt.

Lt. Col. Dana

Statement

In the aggregate of all Cotton purchased by Andrew Wr. McKee General agent

Sub Agents	Residence	No of Bales
Dr. C. G. Young	Monroe La	12926.
Lauve & Belknap	Shreveport "	21966.
Francis Webb	Natchitoches "	12.556
T. D. Miller	Washington "	1.564
M. M. Rhorer	Alexandria "	9892.
		64.904

Alexandria 2 3d Jany 1864.

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Andrew W McKee Majr
Genl Agt for La

1864

Enclosing application for
the detail of Adolph-
Rachall - as clerk - copy of
authority from the Secty of war
to have such details made
Asks the loan of $1000.000 -
Operations of Capt Withenbury
in the Sabine -
Disposition of transportation
Suggestions about Stevenson arrangement.

File

Office Cotton Agency

Alexandria Jan 23d 1864

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport—

Dear Sir.

I am beginning to be annoyed by the Officer whose duty it is to Enroll Conscripts, and upon application at the Head quarters of Maj Genl Taylor for an exemption for my only clerk Mr Adolph Rachal I find that Orders from Dept Hd Quarters prevent.— Enclosed I hand you the application made with the Endorsement thereon by Maj E. Surget A.A.G.

The services of Mr Mr M. Chorer, and Mr Adolph Rachal, are indispensable to the operations of my Office.— we are exceedingly busy in collecting and repairing the Remnants of Cotton in this, and Adjoining Parishes, (all our Cotton now required looking after), and have just begun my lengthy Annual Report for ~~the~~ ~~Hon~~ Hon C. G. Memminger Secty of the Treasury

which Report being very voluminous will require a vast amount of office work.

Please do me the favor to explain to Lt Genl E. K. Smith this matter and request the necessary papers of exemption from Military duty for Mssrs Rhorer & Rachal.

I enclose you a Copy of my authority to apply for such Exemptions, and also submit that I am executing the labor of my Agency with fewer number of assistants than any officer discharging so much over so large a district.—

I also enclose you copy of an advertisement which will appear in the next Number of the Louisiana Democrat which please have inserted in one or two of your Shreveport Papers.—

I am very short of funds can you not arrange to loan me one Million of dollars, or borrow it for me? I believe you can do almost any thing you try.— I think I can return it ere many days. Please let me hear from you at your earliest Convenience

about the above exemptions.—

I have just learned verbally that Capt Wortenbury meeting with a local rise at his point on Sabine River, had loaded his boats and started down for Orange - he did not, owing to the bad roads & bad weather, haul as much Cotton as he expected —

Respectfully
Your Obt Sv.
A.W. McKee
Genl Agent &c

P.S.

I am done sending Cotton (for the present at least say until April or (May & then only if desired) to Nibletts Bluff or the Sabine, and am now calling in all the teams and wagons I can & turning them over to Genl Taylor for Army purposes.—

A.W. McKee
Genl Agent

therefore themselves or trains will not
be out of our Picket lines.—
If Maj Howard is in the rear
please send for him and show him this,
he can inform Genl Smith verbally
of more than I have written in reference
to Martin Rabalais & his friends.—
Please let me hear from you at your
earliest convenience on this subject.
Respectfully your obt Lt Alvarez
Genl Agent &c

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria Jan 21st/64

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport,

Dear Sir,

I have to day been called upon by Mess M. Rabalais, Wm Roy & E. Gauthier, a committee on behalf of themselves and others (amounting to 42 persons), who have been engaged in transporting Govt. Cotton to Nibletts Bluff ~~from~~ August 1st to 15th Dec 63, since when they have been turned over at the request of Maj Genl Taylor to assist in re-building Fort DeRussey.

These parties have received payment "in Kind" and Lt Genl E.K. Smith's Order No 118 applies to the same.

In view of their need of many articles of prime necessity (of which I personally am aware) such as Mule Harness, Iron, Nails, Leather, and Agricultural Implements, Medicines &c &c, they respectfully and urgently ask permission to Export

ork of the Cotton received for their services
to the Govt— say Six Bales only to Each
family, forty two in number.—
There are several excellent reasons
why the claims of these parties should receive
more than usual ~~consideration~~ from the
General commanding.—
While the loyalty of some of the Creole
French Citizens of West La has been
doubted Martin Rabalais and his friends
(the above parties) have always been true
and for nearly two Years have mostly
been in the services of Maj K. A. Howard
& myself— through Martin Rabalais who
seems to control the section of country
in which these parties live (as if they
all belonged to him) I was enabled
to purchase Cotton in Avoyelles Parish
(more than half of these gentlemen being
included, himself at the head) at not
over an average of 10½ cents per pound.—
again all the Cotton I am now
delivering to Maj Wm Stone, Chief Q.M.
of Walker's Division, under a requisition
from Maj Genl Taylor, it being

Collected and delivered at Simmsport by these parties,- therefore if the above request- is granted it will excite no more attention than the usual Contraband exchange now being carried on under official sanction.

When the Federals were in Avoyelles last- May some of these parties (Especially M. Rabalais) were pointed out- by dis-loyal persons, and were in consequence of their services to the U.S., treated with marked severity by the Enemy.-

M. Rabelais was litterally Stripped of all his Negroes (22 in No) Horses - including two of Maj Howards - Mules, Harness, Corn & other Movables.-

Genl Taylor has twice informed me that without the assistance of these parties he is of the opinion that he could not have Cotton Wagons & teams to work at Fort DeRussey where over 50 of my Cotton Teams are now doing duty.-

Order N° 118 from Dept. Hd. quarters does not say at what point Cotton paid, as per Order, shall be Exported.

as the services of these parties are fully equal to any for which permits to Export have been granted, I sincerely hope the request of these parties may be granted - a permission can be given in total for the amount to Mr. Rabalais & Wm Roy (say 42 persons, 6 bales Each, 252 Bales) on an Order authorizing me to grant the permits separately to said amount. These parties have made their arrangements to get the needed supplies through a French House who have a connection with a "supply store for Planters" by simply delivering their Cotton in the upper end of Point Coupee Parish or at any point across the Atchafaylia River. Our Pickets are again at Morganza therefore themselves or teams will not be out of our Picket lines.

If Maj Howard is in Shreveport please send for him and show him this, he can inform Genl Smith verbally of more than I have written in reference to Martin Rabalais & his friends.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience on this subject.

Respectfully your obt Servt
A Wyncklee
Genl Agent &c

117 San Antonio Duty
6 Sept 1864
Thos F McKenney
622.
Complains he is interfered
with in his delivery
of Cotton to Mitno (?
Madera
file
attended to Anson

San Antonio 17 Sept 1864

Col

You will be surprised & perhaps some-what incredulous, when I tell you that I am met at every step with a studied effort to embarass me in paying Milnor & Madero what Judge Devine & myself under Genl Smith's orders & Col Hutchins also agreed to pay. No ordinary amount of studied ingenuity could have created so many obstacles as present themselves to my discharging the duties under my agreement with Col Hutchins & since-rendered by Genl S & yourself.

Will you be kind enough to issue orders without delay to your agents not to interfere with me in the carry-ing out my agreement with Col H to the extent of paying Milnor 300 Bales on the Rio Grande 200 in San Antonio & $3,000 & some humane powers not due to Madero I have no desire to proceed beyond that amount and also direct your agents that regulations subsequently adopted for the [redacted] government of agents do not apply to me. They refuse to do any

thing unless specially ordered
I have some cotton acquired in Hunt
-erson & Mr Trickett wish to apply
Your regulations subsequently made
in regard to marking planters Key
the cost of freight on Gout cotton
be cents per 100 lbs from San Antonio
my contracts were made prior to such
regulations nor have I been advised
until within the last few days of
the existence of such regulations
& have been with the malicious intent
-ion of having with me & my agency & all
interest in which I am connected
the sub agents of the cotton office
until I can no longer submit & do
not like to make spins in taking like
this but unless I am in future treated
by them with common decency I see
no alternative left me. You can convey
-ey these charges if you may & not hate you will
do so promptly

very truly yours
Thos F McKinney

This morning to see the order to allow no [illegible]
to keep here without permits such a course
was indispensible. but [illegible] would
in my opinion [illegible] the [illegible] to the
State people. Mr Vance spoke to me yesterday
about making arrangement to have our [illegible]
M & Johnson 2,000 & had he not received the order
would have stood with me to say they are

San Antonio 13th July 1864

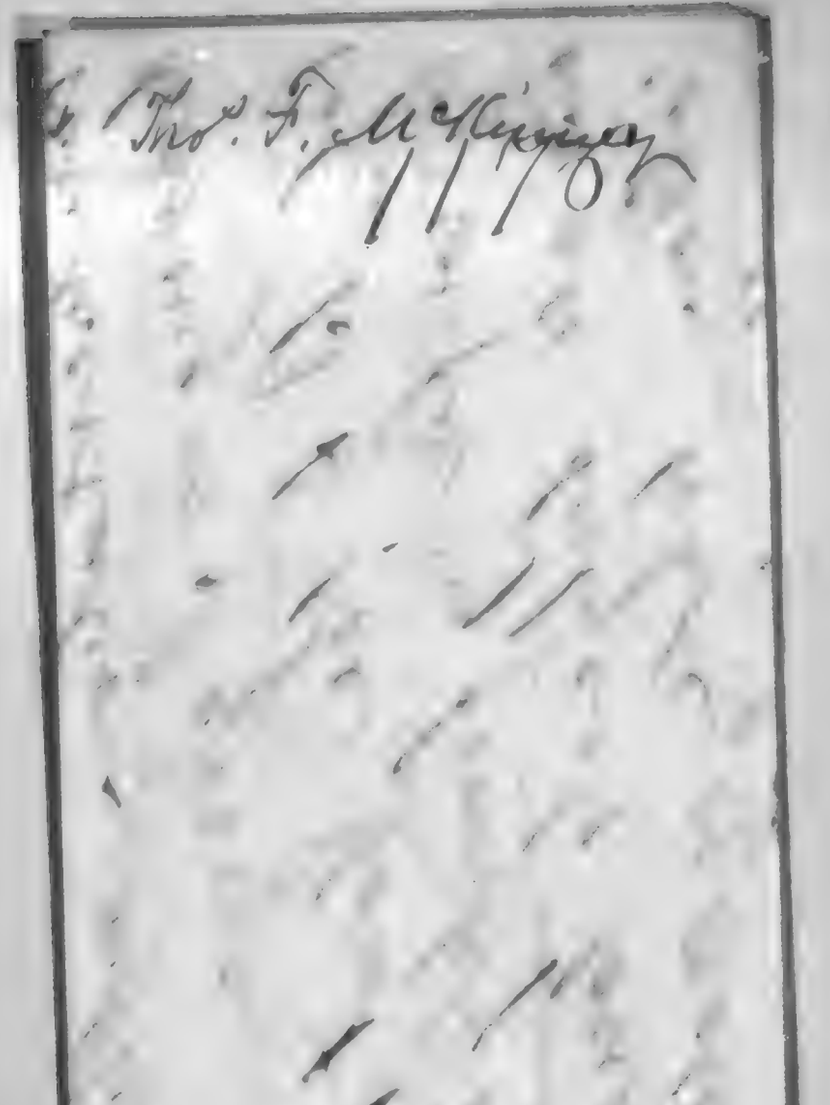
Dear Ballinger

Genl Smiths order to seize all cotton detained on the Rio Grande under the State plan has just reached here I remained over to learn the result of the interview between Gov Murrah & Genl S Nick also writes a letter to Col M. D. Johnson telling him there will be another order touching the remainder this gives new hope to Murrah's friends & contractors & utterly prostrates every immediate prospect of the confederacy getting cotton it will now be difficult to give confidence in this country that individual combinations can not do any thing they choose.
Johnston is confident that all cotton within a few days will be in the general impression & before it can be corrected we will have cold weather & will have lost to the confederacy all the benefit of transportation while the grass & water was abundant. If I can see the matter in its true light we all have reason to be dispirited & hope however there may be a version of it in some way that will remedy the evils. I was truly delighted

This morning to see the order to allow me [illegible] to keep him without permit, such a course may indispensible. but [illegible] pretty much on my opinion upon the [illegible] to the State people. Mr Green spoke to me yesterday about making arrangements to turn over [illegible] M J Johnson 2,000 & had the writ read. The order would have been closed with me to any body else admit the justice of such a measure as well as the necessity of it. but now all is gone at least for the present I do not always believe all M J tells me but he holds the papers I really have very little hope Rollins that the Govt will be permitted to acquire the necessary means to sustain her army in this Dept

I regret to see in the papers the announcement of the loss of another child poor dear Sally how lovely she is afflicted give her my best love & condolence kiss her and the children for me

Your friend truly
Thos T McKinney



Hon I. L. Lewis

Introducing
Col Broadus

San Antonio
Dec

Office of Ballinger & Jack,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

GALVESTON, TEXAS.

[redacted], Houston 18th May 1864

Hon. J. J. Devine

Dear Sir

This will be handed you by Col. Broadnax whom I am glad to introduce to you. I have only had a few moments conversation with him as he is just leaving as I arrive. You will confer on Col B & the Govt & myself a favor by conferring frankly & fully with him on all subjects touching cotton and cotton trade as well as men & measures in your possession

Your friend

Thos. F. McKinney

Received in February 1865

not understand this:
any authority the auctioneer
associate with Mr Heisney
Mr Hay, when Hutchins
minded mind of
circumstances of the Cotton
I am,
Yours
Williamson
Broadwell

HEADQUARTERS STATE TROOPS

Natchitoches La July 26 65

I do not understand this.
You are only authorized to continue
of the Conscripts with Mc Kinney's
until 1st May, when Natchitoches
is to be vacated with all of
this description of Troops Collected
& Turned over.

Genl

Col Williams

Col Broadwell

Yrs

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Houston March 1 at 186 5

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Houston March 1 at 186 5

TO Col W A Broadwell

We have received Instructions to buy Cotton but with Instructions to Enrolling Officers that our transfers shall alone be valid now I will come up in a few days & see you

D D McKinney

3 1/2 5 2 4 80

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Pliny

Memorandum

The accompanying Statement shows the present Status of the different Contracts that have been entered into for the purchase and delivery of Cotton under the Special Agency of Thos F McKinney.- Other Contracts had been agreed upon, by letter, and were considered as binding although the formal agreements had not been signed.-

Of these were the following Viz |

J F White - 500 Bales at | Henderson Rusk Co -
Robert Wyatt 10 " " " " "
J B Duggan 38 " " " " "
John Mackey 10 " Lockhart Caldwell "
L C Stuff - 150 " Extension of his Contract Augt
18th from 100 Bales to 250 - West of the Brazos -
J. N. Seward 150 Bales Extension of his Contract Oct
3rd from 100 Bales to 250 - West of the Brazos -
W D Bullion 950 - Bales Extension of his Contract Augt
2nd from 50 Bales to 1000 - Hopkins Co' -

When the difficulties arose, preventing the movement of Cotton from the Districts of Capts Barrett & Berry - and a regulation put in force at San Antonio, that no freights in Specie to be allowed for more than 200 Miles East of the San Antonio, Notice was given to most of the above named parties-(particularly those East of the Brazos) that their Agreements would be suspended, until a better understanding could be had with the Cotton Bureau. -

This Agency had no knowledge of any regulation or restriction preventing it from acquiring Cotton where it was the "most probable & Convenient to effect despatch", until the Cotton purchased by this Agency, was taken possession of by Capt Barrett at Henderson, and shipped by him to Major Mitchell San Antonio; nor had it any knowledge that there was any regulation or restriction, that would prevent the payment of Specie freights for a greater distance than

200 Miles East of San Antonio, until the receipt of a letter from Maj Mills dated Sept 21st/64, gave the information - when nearly all the Cotton Mentioned in the Statement, as "on wheels", was West of the Brazos River. -

The instructions (and the only instructions ever given this) under which this Agency acted, authorized the "purchase of 3000 Bales of Cotton in the manner most probable & convenient to effect the purpose with despatch" - with authority "to extend the amount to 6000 Bales, if you find you can do so" - the assumption for an equal amount of Cotton to be given as part of the consideration as usual &c. Transportation to be obtained at the lowest rates possible - not to exceed 2¢ pr pound in Coin pr 100 Miles: with authority to furnish Transportation for the Planters, half - he paying freights and entitle him to its free exportation. -

It was well understood by this Agency, that it was the desire wish and desire of Genl Smith, Gov Murrah and the Cotton Bureau, that it should absorb and retake all the Contracts for the Exportation of Cotton, that had been made by the Agents of the State, under what was styled the State Plan, - and by reference to the column of "remarks" upon the Statement, it will be seen that a greater part of the Cotton acquired by this Agency was of this character. - When the Agency found the Cotton on which or Transportation had been Contracted for & provided by the vendors, the same rates of freight was allowed, as had been stipulated for by the State Agent (provided it did not exceed the rate fixed in the instructions) - this was understood to have been agreed upon with Gov Murrah by the Cotton Bureau: but where this agency undertook to furnish Transportation, the rate of freight was reduced to One cent pr pound, in most cases, until the reason was so far advanced, as to make it necessary (in justice to freighters) to put it at One Half &c. -

When it is considered that this Agency had forwarded to the Cotton Bureau at Houston Bills of Lading of Cotton purchased & shipped from the Districts of Eastern Burnet & Bryan - which exhibited upon their face the point of loading, and the rate of freight contracted for - and that the Bureau was in the possession of these Bills Lading & facts for more than two Months prior to any Notice to this Agency that it was out of its latitude in moving Cotton from East of the Brazos - or that Special freights were refused for Cotton hauled for more than Ten Hundred Miles East of San Antonio - & that this Agency was not put in possession of the pamphlet Circular of Lt Col W. A. Broadwell Chief of Cotton Bureau dated San Antonio Sept 3rd 1864, until Oct 6th, giving this Agency the first Official information of the Organization of the Cotton Bureau, it must be admitted that justice to Vendors, to freighters and to this Agency, requires that the Contracts made by this Agency should be carried out in good faith according to the letter and spirit of the instructions under which it was authorized to act.-

When Cotton is on wheels, it is necessary that the stipulations for freights, whether from East of the Brazos or not, should be complied with;- if not then it will be the duty of this Agency to absolve the Vendors from their Contracts, and say to them,- dispose of your Cotton to whom you please to the best advantage, and liquidate the amounts due freighters.- Parties with permits stand ready to take the Cotton - to any part of the State of Texas, will purchase upon terms that would justify Vendors in breaking faith with this Agency. But there would be no breach of Contract on the part of Vendors in selling their Cotton, for the regulations of the Bureau now in force, have effectually nullified every Contract made by this Agency.-

If it is impossible to carry the Cotton of this Agency to the Rio Grande, and there divide according to the plan proposed and agreed upon with Maj Mills - which was, that upon delivery of one half of the Cotton to the Government Agent - the Agent should make affidavit of the fact in duplicate, and forward the same to him at San Antonio - & the agent should give to the Vendors a Certificate that should entitle the other half of the Cotton to free exportation, - then let it be divided at San Antonio - the Government take its half at that point, and paying freight according to Bills of Lading, and permit allowed for the other half to go out without interruption. -

The plan agreed upon with Maj Mills, is better for the Govt in this, that a large part of the Cotton is freighted to the Rio Grande at low rates, than the Government pay from San Antonio, and would also save the expense of handling and reshipping at that place. - It would be more acceptable to Vendors, freighters and this Agency - because it would be in accordance with Contract - Vendors having made their arrangements either to be at the point of delivery on the Rio Grande, or be represented by Agents; - freighters would not be compelled to divide their trains - or in some cases that would arise, go on from San Antonio with half loads; and this Agency would be protected in the rights it has exercised under the strictest construction of its instructions - thereby preventing the violation of its Contracts. -

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos. F. McKinney
Special agent Cotton office

Special Agency of Cotton Office
October 19th 1864

San Antonio 87
8th Oct 1866.

Thos F. McKinney.

Inaugurate the
payment of freights
in Specie

San Antonio Texas
Octo 8th 1864.

Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief. Cotton Bureau.
Sir.

I would respectfully ask that S. and my Agents be allowed to pay freights on all Cotton acquired by me, or my Sub Agents Capt Ed Fenner and Jas. H. Raymond at the usual Govmt Rates. Viz — One and half (1/2) cents in Specie per pound per 100 miles for Ox Teams. and (2) Two cents per pound per 100 miles on mule or Horse Teams to this time and henceforth the Same Rate to be allowed for all Cotton acquired by me for the Govmt not to exceed 300 miles Transportation to San Antonio Texas

Very Respectfully
Thos. F. McKinney
Special Agt
for
Sub Agents.

3d och 1864
Col J Ingalls
2246

Enclosing Contract &
receipt of Capt Bland
& Mem° of W. A. B.

Returned —
to be filed
with Papers
on 11th Inst
W A B

Austin 3 Oct. 1864

Col W. A. Rhoadwell
San Antonio

D. Sir

I wrote you a few days since directed to Laredo in which I hope you will find myself exceedingly frustrated & embarrassed in fulfilling my engagements with Milmo and Uhlden I have sent forward nearly as much cotton as would have liquidated the obligations of the Govt made through Judge Devine & myself under the authority and instructions of Genl Smith yet not one bale has been applied in that way and our obligations remain as they were notwithstanding it was stipulated and so expressed in the authority given me to prosecute cotton. That the first acquired under that authority should be applied to the liquidation of those claims No diligence effort could have thrown more difficulties in the way of completing the duty assigned me by Gen Hutchins Those have arisen & I have just cause to complain seriously. That however is

not my purpose I simply desire to be allowed to complete our engagement, & that parties acting under your authority be estopped from unjust & unaccountable interference with my duties & obligations I am responsible for any mismanagement of the duties confided to me in damages My whole object has been to discharge those duties promptly and in a manner wholly unobjectionable I find Capt Wells without authority to act. I have sent for Rose Magging as directed by Col Hatchings through you No one seems disposed or authorised to turn over cotton provided by me for the purpose for which it was intended & every subagent seems to think he has a perfect right to demand either cotton or transportation from my service. It is indispensible that these things be reduced to that end it is important that I see you I hope I have not been nor will be unaccountable in any thing in which the interest of the Govt is involved or justice to parties individually or officialy. Please say to me when & where I can see you & confer fully & freely on the

subject if you could take my place en route
from San Antonio I would be pleased &
in five minutes one could remove all
difficulties without prejudice to ~~the~~
~~Texas~~ either public or private
interests but promoting both.
I hope you will write me at your earliest
convenience so that I can see you as
soon as possible for I assure you nothing
can progressing me a manner wholly
unsatisfactory to all concerned and
unproductive of any good results
~~resp~~ any respect

Your Obt Servt
Thos. J. McKinney

1902

State of Texas } This agreement entered into
County of Travis } between Thomas F. McKinney
Special Agent of the Cotton Office of the first
part and Lohn Jamie of Bexar County of the
Second part witnesseth That the Said party of the
first part has purchased of the part of the Second
part Two hundred & fifty Bales of Cotton deliverable
at Hendgerson Rusk Co upon the following Conditions to
wit The Said party of the first part is to furnish trans
portation for Said Cotton to Laredo at a weight of one
half Cents in Specie per Pound 100 Miles. when upon the
arrival at that point the Said party of the first part or
the agent of the Cotton Office at Laredo is to receive or
turn over to Said party of the Second part one half of
Said Cotton with the privilege of exporting the Same
upon the party of the Second part refunding to Said
party of the first part or agent of Cotton Office at
Laredo the freight money paid upon the Said the
Said half of Said Cotton So received or turned over

For the One half of Said
Cotton returned by the party of the first part for the
use of the Confederate State Twenty five Cent per pound
in Confederate Note of the last Issue Shall aid to the party
of the Second part

In Case the party of the Second part
prefer shipping the Cotton so purchased of him It is agreed
that the party of the first part Shall pay the freight
upon the one half of Said Cotton retained by the party
of the first part for the use of the Confederate States upo
on its delivery to the agent at Laredo at the rate of
one dollar & fifty Cents in Specie per Pound per 100 Miles

It is further agreed that the party
of the first part furnish the transportation necessary
The party of the ~~last~~ part hereby Stipulates & this Cotton
Shall be ready for loading at the point above ~~mentioned~~

Named upon the arrival of the Wagons at that place
Witness our hand this 12th day of July 1864

Signed in duplicate

Jno. H. McKinney
Special Agent of Cotton
Office
Dr Jno. H. Raymond
Sup. Agent
Com. Issues

True Copy

W W Ranck
Capt & A.A.G.M.

Rec'd Henderson Sept 3rd 1864

From Capt. W. W. Sarrah A.Q.M. C.S.A

in good order through James W. Shelton

Agent for John. James of San Antonio

C. 32 Sales of Cotton Weighing 15000

lbs and Marked as follows —

Said Cotton is expressed as having

been Sold by said James to

the C.S. Government through Its

Cotton agent Thomas L. McKinney

at Austin Texas which Said Cotton

I am to deliver in good order

to Capt Twitchell at San Antonio

receiving the Customary rates of

freight for Hauling Same

Marks JJ W. Kasemann

" B.F.T

San Antonio Texas
28th October 1863

Thos. J. McKinney

His views in regard to
the acquisition of Cotton in
Texas and the manner
of transporting the same
to the Rio Grande

Quarter Masters Office
San Antonio Texas,
Oct 28 1868.

Sir,

I highly approve and respectfully recommend the within suggestion of Brvt Major General Hillyer and trust Major Depot will be remanded that if the further assistance of some distinguished gentleman and Cavalry officer of the State, such as Lieut Colonel Edgar of Brevet Brig. Gen. U. S. Vols of Texas Vol Cav, and Lieut Colonel Hatch Capt & Brvt Maj U. S. 1st Regt Cav, could be obtained, in my opinion much good would result.

S. Hart
Maj & QM

San Antonio Oct 31st 1868.

Having no power over the subject I respectfully refer this paper to the Chief of the Cotton Bureau, with the suggestion that although Lt Colonel Jones proposed command should be given to any officer, it would be better to organize the Cotton Bureau in Texas before any action is taken fixing the Salary and position.

Geo Williamson
Brig Genl

San Antonio 28th Oct. 1863

Majr. L. Hart 2 M.

Majr

In discussing the cotton busi-
-ess in various quarters & with intelligent planters
as connected with your office, it has occured to me
that the facilities of the branch of service under
your charge could be greatly increased by
permitting planters to have their cotton transported
by your transportation from the interior to this point
& your procure Mexican transportation from this point
to the Rio Grande you retaining one half of the
cotton thus transported as a loan from the plan-
-ter to the Govt & retaining possession of the whole
until you are reimbursed for transportation &
other charges incidental on the half retained
by the planter with authority to sell so much
thereof as necessary if not furnished by the planter
within a reasonable time after it reaches
its destination on the Rio Grande
I have no doubt that instead of the necessity of
resorting to the empressment system you would
find a sufficient number of planters desiring
of thus disposing of their cotton to excite some

petition among them in trying to get their cotton
speedily transported. In order however to make
it effective it should in my humble opinion
be guaranteed by an order of the Commander
in chief that the planters say the half by him
retained shall under no circumstances be
diverted from the object he intends it without
his consent & that subaltern officers of
the Confederate army have no authority to interfere
with it. For the seizure of one Mexican cart
load would do away confidence in the whole
system while I doubt not in an emergency
there is scarcely a planter who would not
temporarily loan the other half of his cotton
if properly approached. If planters are willing
to loan cotton there is no necessity for impressing
if you impress my cotton & waggons which I
am willing to furnish the Govt of my own
free will you provoke me & I directly go to
work to make it the most difficult in my
power for you to command it. While I deprecate
such a course on the part of an individual
to allow an injustice to him personally to in
any way interfere with the public service
yet such is human nature & how can

not change it & we have not time to do so if we could. Should you approve of the plan & take such steps as to authorize it I will most cheerfully act any part in the matter which may be assigned to me. In submitting these views for your consideration and action I ask that you receive them with due allowance to a man who has had no connection with business for the last fifteen years & consequently liable to many errors and who is also an enthusiast by nature

very respy

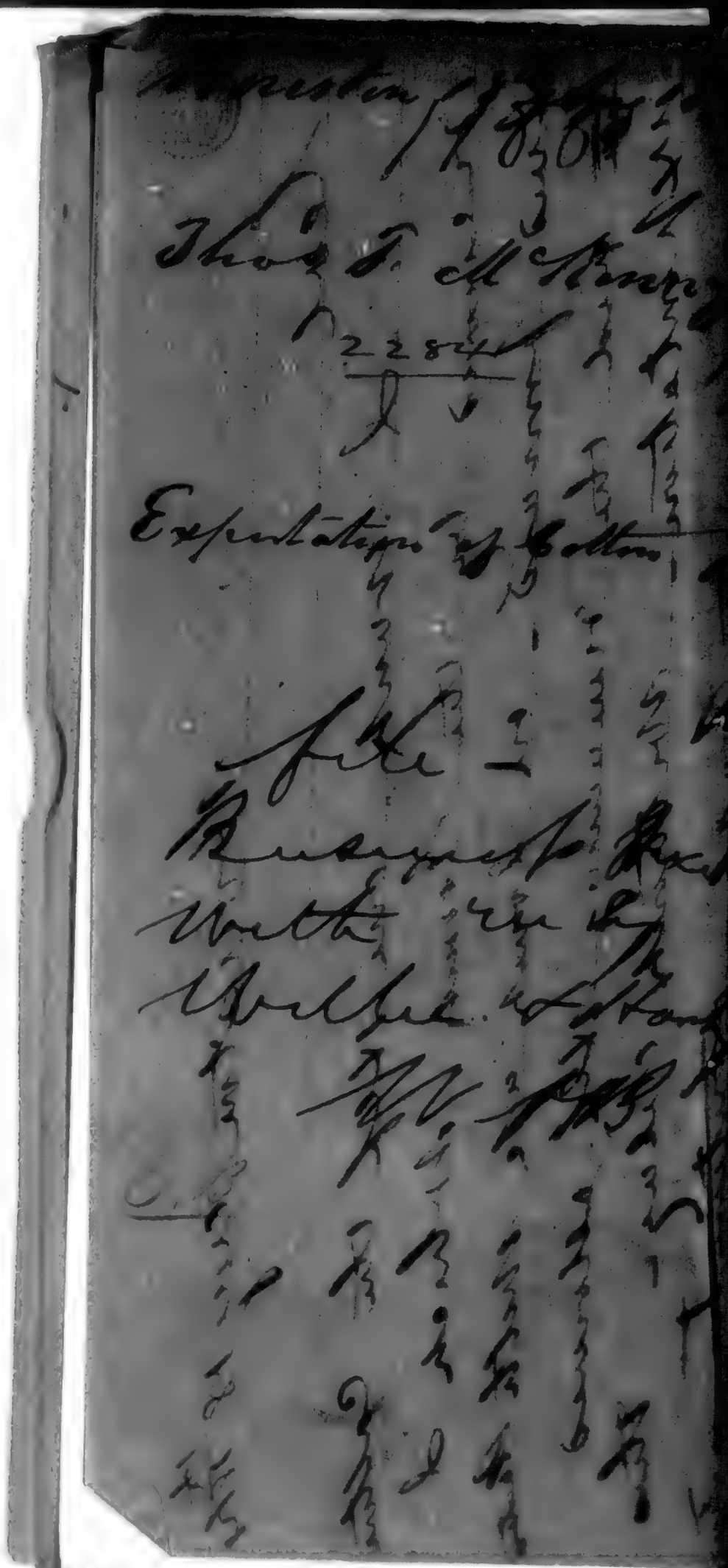
Your Obt Servt

Thos. F. McKinney

P.S. I think it should also be guaranteed that any cotton delivered by planters in accordance with the foregoing arrangement shall not be subject to any subsequent change in the cotton Department but shall pass & be disposed of as contemplated

Respy

Thos F McKinney



Harriston aug 18th 1864

Dear

I enclose one half the Cattle received by the Kennedy which I have forwarded - on to York as well the ~~the~~ and the remaining half allowed the representation - Wednesday delay - the to satisfy to Jack of future transactions The Clients for the Drughts on other half -

Very Respy
Yrs ever faithfully
Thos F McKinney

Cotton Bureau
Trans Miss Dept Dec 24 1864

Respy refers to orders of Lt Col Mellie. with the request, that he will remedy the evils & inconveniences complained of in these communications. by endorsing upon the B/L of all Cotton shipped by Col McKinney under his arrangements with Lt Col. Hulbert, (which I deem it my duty to carry out in good faith) a permit to ship to a point of entry, on the Rio Grande one half to be turned over to the agent of the Cotton office for exportation. on use of the French, & the remaining Half to go out on use of the vendor — as contemplated by the regulations for overland commerce.

W. H. Bringhurst
Lt Col

Bonham 11 87
22 Aug. 1863.

Alx. K. McLean.
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Asking Employment -

Bonhams Texas Augt 22d 1863

Dear Colonel:

After a most disgusting trip from Alexandria via Cold Springs, arrived here two days since to find that after all my exertions and expenses, (the latter as onerous as the former,) I am, through the decision of that modern Solon, Genl. Magruder, ~~am~~ disqualified for the position, never having been in service, only having acted as Qr. Mr. or Comy. Sgt. — Thus I find myself at this disgusting hole, with my poor little wife half-dead with fatigue & completely worn out by the many discomforts & annoyances to which she has been subjected —

I never applied for the Qr Mr. ship, it was tendered me by Genl. Bankhead himself — My wife has two cousins on the Staff who were very anxious to have me with them and wrung from me the assurance that if the position of Qr Mr. to the brigade were offered me, I would accept & come out — When I left Houston Genl. B. gave me leave for the time necessary to make the trip & bring out my wife, assigning to duty temporarily another Qr. Mr. leaving the position open for me. Nothing could exceed Genl. B's kindness & delicacy and in no manner do I attach any censure to him, but I must say contrary to the regulations this it be, that I cannot but think that Genl. Magruder's nepotism or favoritism has been the source of serious injury to both my purse & position

I learn upon arriving here, that Genl. W. had sent a nephew of his a certain Capt. Wallace to give the position I had made the trip to Austin. Naturally enough I must conclude this had something to do in influencing his judgment in my case, the more readily as Genl. Bragg, a K. to Genl K. Smith, had a friend and I was perfectly eligible, and it is a well enchanticated fact, that every General has the right to choose his own staff — I certainly have no wish nor desire to push this matter any further, and seriously consider myself well out of a very arduous, disagreeable and thankless duty — tho I must in all frankness state, my vanity is not a little mortified —

I hope you will not consider what I have written above, for you have shown me so much kindness and confidence, that I am anxious to be put in the proper light before you, and learning that you have been appointed Chief of the Cotton Bureau, I hope you may be able to give me some appointment under you, if possible in Louisiana, for both my wife & myself are really sick & disgusted with this State, where we have almost uniformly met with rudeness & inhumanity frequently denied even a glass of water on our route — at one place actually paid Five Dollars for water —

I have received an appointment as Ass. Mr. Agt. at Paris, Lamar Co., Texas — when, when you have time be kind enough to drop me a line.

I send this to San Antonio, presuming that you'll be your head Qrs. And as Maj. Dameron is on the other

side of the Miss. River as also most of your Corps of Agents. I trust this application may arrive in time to insure me some position under you.

With compliments of my wife, believe me

Very Truly

Yours

Alex. K. McLean

Col. W. A. Broadwell

A.A.G.

San Antonio

Texas

Sept 1st 1863

J H McMahan

Houston

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Rec'd Sept 4/63

Giving his views in regard to the Cotton interests of Texas—

T. H. McMAHAN & GILBERT,
COTTON FACTORS,
AND
General Commission Merchants,
STRAND,
GALVESTON, TEXAS.
T. H. McMAHAN. S. R. GILBERT.

Houston
Galveston, October 1st 1863

Lt. W. Broadnax A. D. C.
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

Dr Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 22d ult. & contents have due attention — I regret that I cannot give you any definite information as to the manner in which the Cotton Interest of the Government (which is the Interest I presume you refer to) is to be conducted in this State (The information I receive that there is a want of energy & system in the management — hence the Poor success that exist; in the Community of which you are doubtless advised by the Newspapers of this State — & which I may speak more freely at a future day — I would by Considering it most Certainly Can be inaugerated which would protect the interest of the Government & meet all the requirements of the Service & I think be Satisfactory to the planting Community who in most instances are Loyal & willing to do all that may reasonably be required of them if observed by a proper application of their Contributions — A well organized Bureau is

in my Judgment very much be needed -

As far as I am concerned I beg leave to say that whilst I do not desire a position of Salariony & responsible yet if it is believed that my Services will be of Value to my Country & the Character of the Government is such as to insure me to suppose that they may be so I will cheerfully give them -

I shall be pleased to hear from you more fully at your earliest Convenience -

Yours Truly
Colyer Ely Esq
U.S.A. Washington

Thumpstock July 22nd 1865

McMillen & Slack

Washington Iowa

Relative to a Contract made with Ira Cat office furnished they were with fully paid

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Ans Dear Sirs Your Letter Thumpstock July 24th 1865

Yours safe to hand Cat Broadside.

Yours

Gunsmith

R. W. Thornton.

A.A.C.

Thereupon 25th July 1865

Respectfully returned - My recollection of the original order given by Col Hutchins directed Mr T. C Trichell to turn over 200 Bales Cotton at the market prices at Lamentong or Mr Trichell and Mr McMillan were unable to agree as to the market prices for cotton there, then Mr Trichell was directed to ship 200 Bales to Matamoras and give Mr McMillan an order for the proceeds when credited on the debt - Mr McMillan was offered a selection of 200 out of 1000 Bales Cotton in the Court yard at 25¢ per lb at which rate Mr Trichell had sold cotton the day previous for Specie; or if preferred Capt Trichell proposed to carry out the conditional order of Col Hutchins and ship 200 Bales to Matamoras giving Mr McM an order for it Specie proceeds, - Mr McMillan preferred cotton at 25¢ in Lamentong - The market at the latter place is very mercurial and governed to some extent by the variations at Matamoras, where at the period named the ruling prices was 40¢ in gold for good qualities of cotton and the Govt would have realized a much larger return had the cotton been shipped instead of being turned over at 25¢ by choice of Mr McM as was conditioned in the order

I would respectfully recommend that these papers be referred to Mr Trichell through Col Hutchins and that Col H be requested to furnish a certified copy of the original order for the delivery of the cotton and that the statement of Mr T. C. Trichell on the facts of the case be received as final.

[Signed] W. H. Broadwell
Lt Col

Feb 3 7/45

Copy.

Shreveport La 2d Feby 1865

Lt Gen E. Kirby Smith
Comdg Trans Miss Dept.
General,

With this we have the honor to enclose papers relating to a contract made with the Texas Cotton office. Claiming at your hands justice for the parties in England whom we represent. All we ask is that as we complied on our part with the terms of the contract that the Government does the same. We enclose you a copy - By it you will note that the Cotton taken delivery at San Antonio was taken at the market rate - Hon McMillan the senior member of our firm recd from Lt Col W. D. Hutchins an order (a copy of which is enclosed) for 200 Bales, took it to Sanduston and presented it to the Agency there. Col Broadnax was there at the time who told him that he would not deliver it at the market rate, that parties were there who had older claims and who would allow him a settlement 25¢ per pound, that we could take it at that price or wait - What was the result? We took it at 25¢ whilst the market price as per enclosed letter of Messrs Vance & Bro was 18 to 20¢ making a difference in the payment now of from about five to seven thousand dollars.

We have simply written a statement of facts, as we thought it a duty that we owed the parties in England and with confidence leave the matter in your hands. Should you decide that we are entitled to any claim please designate the amount and by whom it shall be paid and whether in Cotton Specie or Treasury

We are very Respectfully Your Obt Servts
(Signed) McMillan & Black

Agency Cotton Bureau

San Antonio March 15th 1865

Respectfully returned. The facts as stated by Lt. Col. Woodhull are materially correct and are fully confirmed & corroborated by my clear & distinct recollection — The only discrepancies are that the "Conditional Order" was not embodied in the original Order — but is in a letter of same date (Aug 12th) enclosing Copy of the original Order, which had been given to Mr. McMiller — and that the sale referred to was not made "the day previous" but six days previous

I would respectfully remark, that in addition to the sale made previous to the delivery to Messrs McMiller & Slack of the 200 Bales, I made a sale of 50 Bales three days afterwards at 25¢ per pound Cash specie & my next sale was ten days after that @ 22½¢ & six Doz. When Mr. McMiller presented the order & was informed of the price of Cotton at our very first interview, the proposition was made, to Ship 200 B/s to Matamoras & give him a Draft for net proc. which he accepted but afterwards declined, accepting a selection of some 200 Bales from about 1000 Bales then on Hand, in preference Had Mr McMiller conceived that the Cotton, was delivered & rec.d by compulsion he would hardly have rec.d more than the Order called for & which is a fact

(signed) T. C. Turchell

Agent

I Certify that the above is a true copy

T. C. Turchell

Agent

Near Camden 20th Apl 1864

1190

W. M. McPhetres.

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Requesting letter to be forwarded – &c

Hd. Quarters Churchills Div. 18 Miles from
Camden in the field April 20th 1864.

Col. Broadwell.

Dear Sir,

I will avail myself of your kind offer by enclosing you the within letter, which you will greatly oblige me by forwarding to your brother Moses in N. Y by the first opportunity that presents itself. If I should trouble you in this occasionally, you must attribute it to the great anxiety that I feel to communicate with my family, & to the fact that my other channels of communication are cut off.

Our command arrived here today - the other two Divisions Parsons & Walkers will be in this evening, & tomorrow. When united we feel confident of being able to dispose of Gen. Steele as satisfactorily as Gen Banks was - in fact Gen Price has already commenced the work most auspiciously

Very Truly Your Obliged & Obt Svt
W. M. McPheeters

U. S.

Office of
Provost Marshal
A. A. G.

No 3048—

H.Q. Dep. Texas—Mis. Dept
Shreveport May 31st 1864

Major—

The Commanding Genl directs me to say, that in assigning you to duty in San Antonio, he desires you to be governed solely by the regulations for the over-land trade published, and to hold parties strictly to its letter.

In cases where you have reason to believe that frauds are being perpetrated you will use your efforts to discover it, and to suspend your action until you are satisfied it is a bona-fide transaction. Keep yourself in regular correspondence with the Collectors of the different Ports of Entry, and also with the Hon. P. H. Gray so that harmonious action may be observed. You will also correspond with Col. Broadwell through Col. Hutchins, and through Col. B. communicate any matter that you may desire to bring specially before the Department Commander.

Should you have any difficulty, at any time, in enforcing the order under which you are assigned to duty, you can call on Gen. Magruder for the necessary mounted force to assist you, and he has been directed to furnish it to you.

There may be cases presented, in which applications may be made to you, through Col. Hutchins, on the part of those who hold exemption certificates from the custom office, of a date prior to this order. Whenever Col. Hutchins shall certify that these parties are entitled to a permit, you will retain Col. H's certificate to that effect and give them a certificate to the Collectors, whom no doubt Judge Gray will instruct to issue permits on such

confidential

Capt. H. has been instructed to pay you one-
half of your pay proper in specie during your stay
in San Antonio.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
(Signed) C. H. Stott
Capt & A. A. G.

Maj. A. H. Willey
U. S. A.

Official
W. D. Madday
A. A. G.

Dft. D. Madday

Head Qrs Dist of Arkansas
Washington Ark Dec 1865

Maj Gen J. B. Magruder
U

Lieut Col. W. H. Broadwell.

To afford to trading Cotton
with the enemy. Coincides
with the views expressed by
Col Broadwell.

File

Head Quarters Dist Arkansas
Washington 21st January 1865

Lieut Col. V Broadwell, A.A.G.
Colonel.

I had the pleasure to receive your interesting letter on the subject of the disposition of the Cotton of the Country and was glad to observe a coincidence of views between us as to the proper policy. Views pursued in relation to it,.

I have vesting Genl Smith's authority to turn all Cotton likely to fall into the hands of the enemy and would have executed it as far as that part of the Ouachita is in question but for want of Cavalry to do so.

I have just reorganized the Cavalry and will in a few days exercise the authority given me. Indeed I have already given the necessary orders but high waters and as I have stated above the want of Cavalry have delayed the operation.

I am utterly opposed to the policy of trading our Cotton to the Enemy and made Genl Smith so to that effect some time before I received your communication

I enclose a copy of my letter and of an address to the people of Arkansas published subsequently to the date of my letter.

I have kept my intention to leave the Cotton as quiet as possible until it could be necessary. I may be too late but could not avoid it.

I received a very interesting letter from that excellent gentleman and clear headed man Dr Darling inclosing a pamphlet showing the operations of the Cotton office at Houston. It has done much good.

Expecting soon to have the pleasure of seeing you at Thermopolis which place I propose to visit on Tuesday

I am Colonel very respectfully
Your obedt Svt
(Signed) R Bankhead Magruder
Major 2nd Cavalry Bvt

At 75 ℔. for powder, yields a profit of 100 per cent, the actual cost of the cotton received for it is only 2 1/2 ℔.

Head Quarters, Dist. of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona,

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Oct. 6th, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 171.

VIII. Mr. John L. Macaulay is hereby permitted to pass out of the country 135 bales of cotton free from impressment and taxation, in consideration of his having furnished the Government with powder, which has been delivered, and for which this cotton is in payment.

BY COMMAND OF

2 5/32

Maj. Gen. J. BANKHEAD MAGRUDER,

W. A. ALSTON,
Capt. & A. A. G.

3 1/2

Permission to ship at the 4 50 bales
cotton free from inspection, was
endorsed on the St Col. N. & Broadwell
on the back of ye certificate given by
Major P. Pearce, Insp & Mr Parker
had delivered for transportation, two bags
for which the master stopped ye
payment of the cotton.

The Inspector received on board ye
185 bales cotton, paid for Steamer
Col Lindsay 2 Dollars for this for
another bale of damaged cotton which
was shipped on the same bill

600 Kegs powder, wt 25 lbs each =
15000 lbs @ 75¢ per lb. $10,500-

450 Bales cotton 500 lbs ea = 225.000 lbs, at
4½¢ per lb. — $10.500-

If 75¢ per lb. for powder, gold is worth
100 per cent the actual cost of the
cotton received for it is only 2⅓ per lb.

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2.5/32

3 bales

Powder charged at 75 cts per lb, cost
for in cotton on plain bales at 4½ cts
per lb. is equivalent to paying $9.56
in Gold Currency for the powder, putting
the price paid for the cotton by the
Govt at 56¢ per lb which is a fair
average — the difference between
gold & currency in the above operation
is $12 — per cwt

Permission to export the 450 bales of
cotton per Jasmin Brouard, now
endorsed to Lt Col. N. F Randall
on the back of my certificate given by
Major P. Chevalier Ord. Dept. Mr Randall
took delivery of 265 bales, 100 bags
for which the manufacturer is to
forward 45 bales cotton -
The subscriber furnished a certificate for
185 bales cotton, paid for Government
& Quarter Master Dept. this for
another lot of Government? or is it
another [illegible] the same? Yes!



Head Quarters Steamboat
Col. Scott 1863

Lieut. H. H. Braadnell
Chief Sup. Cotton Bureau
Houston Texas

Sir

Your communication
of the 21st Inst. has just been received
through the hands of Major Scott
Quartermaster at this request and grant
ed. You are to proceed to Brownsville to the
Cotton Bureau there and render assistance as may
be in your power. But allow me to explain
that before anything can be
accomplished in the Commissary
which will have to be the interest of the
Government through the medium of the
Cotton Bureau & Quarter Master with
funds must be placed in the hands of the
Paymaster subject to the order of
to render assistance
to Government as aforesaid Quarter Master
and Com. for the Cotton Bureau at the
Port of Brownsville & Comd of C. C. S. Troops
who will bear on Act with the view
to the Government of this Port

And I do also enquire and instruct
that no communication upon
this subject or the Bureau return copy
as the Dept. Gen. for information Direct
Operations under the order for Enforced
Quarantine Yellow Fever

I consider him the most suitable person for the Position that I know of and I trust that he may be speedily assigned to duty with the Light Squadron of Cape Cod Station

You Perceive I am acquainted with Capt Seaman Veale of the Revenue Service he belongs to old Davy Crocketts Creek I have as much as I can do to keep them from over riding the Government at present Mr Lacy Sheppard I am not acquainted with Mr Field and Mr Sargent and no doubt Scott me of known capacity and as you will remember spending Years in the different counties throughout the State I have no doubt that they will be good appointments You however must be the Judge

Such information as I am possessed of respecting Cutter is to your credit and can be shown on all sights or at such time and in such quantity as you may think proper and I may be able to give

Cotton machine this point comes recently from a Great distance it would require very low to buy but order and therefore wearing Confusion upon the Depot agent at this Port Should have made his Returns for Receipts Light Packages Paper &c for the purpose of Inspection when necessary Should be for a Yard and become

Labor / must be paid
the commanding Officer not less than $1.00
per day.
2nd No Contracts for transportation
or insurance of Cotton for private persons
must be required.
3rd Purchasing Agents must purchase
the Cotton as near the Gin as possible
and it must be ginned before it is
sent to the Depot.
4th Each Depot must be supplied
with Ginning machinery sufficient
to gin the Cotton brought in
by the Agents.
5th The Surplus of Gin Houses
and Machinery not required
for the Depots must be sold
to the highest bidder.
6th The Chief Quarter Master
shall have the power to appoint
Assistant Quarter Masters
with the rank of Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel and Major
as he may think necessary
for the proper conduct of
the business of his Department
and to remove them at pleasure
7th The Chief Quarter Master
shall have the power to appoint
Assistant Quarter Masters
with the rank of Captain
and Lieutenant as he may think
necessary for the proper conduct
of the business of his Department
and to remove them at pleasure
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and Lieutenant as he may think
necessary for the proper conduct
of the business of his Department
and to remove them at pleasure

[illegible] Brevard of Texas Dear Sir
received [illegible] of the 4th inst and
[illegible] Butler and [illegible] Therefore
[illegible] of your [illegible] Master the [illegible] Department
[illegible]

I am instructed by Major Gen'l
Magruder and yourself to leave
Galveston unmolested in the hands
of the Lawful Authorities and to show
every [illegible] for your information
in this transaction I have the honor
to enclose you a copy of the Gen'l
communication to Major Gen'l Magruder
upon this subject which I trust
will satisfactorily explain to you that the
whole matter has been intolerably managed
by some body if by myself then let the
blame rest on me.

Major Gen'l Magruder
informs you in his communication of
Oct 4th that Major Powell stated that
I had informed him that I had
"180" Bales of Cotton subject to his order
in this [illegible] Now you
can [illegible] information therefore he
could not [illegible] such contracts upon any
such representation

Major Gen'l Magruder
states that he ordered Brig'r Gen'l
Bee's substitution of 2 1/2 Co's to embrace
the Cotton held by me in which the Major
Gen'l is mistaken if the order was issued

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Magister

This letter is furnished Maj Williamson as Maj Gen Magruder's endorsement on the letter of Maj Hart written Sept 16th 1863 on the subject of violating the Gen Orders Circular of Sept 24th 1863. The letter was addressed to Gen Bloomfield Ch Q M who transmitted and referred by him to Maj Gen Magruder — W Ayd de Camp Capt A.A. Gen.

Head Quarters, Dist Texas, New Mexico & Arizona,

Sabine Pass Oct 14th 1863

Maj Gen Williamson A.A.G.

Major.

"Major Russell was not directed to procure supplies, until after Maj Hart had been applied to for the same purpose, and had declined to assume additional obligations. Major Russell was then directed to receive the supplies previously purchased by Contracts made by the Sec of War and other officers, which supplies had arrived on the Rio Grande, in some cases, and were on the way, in others. These supplies had to be paid for in Cotton. ~~Lt~~ Genl Smith ordered the impressment of Cotton for this purpose, and Genl Bee was directed to make the impressment. at that moment Genl Bee was reported sick on the road from the Rio Grande to Goliad, Maj Russell his Ch Qr Mr then supposed to be on the post at Brownsville was ordered to attend to the business, and to receive the supplies, and most of the supplies procured by him, have been of articles already purchased by contracts with the Government a very few it is believed, have been purchased otherwise; but even if these Cargoes had not been purchased by contract; Maj Hart's inability to procure them, or to pay for them would have made it necessary to have some other officer employed to do so. It is understood that the cargoes, or such portions of them as accorded with the Contracts, of the "Sea Queen, Gladiator," or the "Sir William Peel" were received by Maj Russell (under direction of Brig Genl Bee, as soon as the latter recovered his health)."

Mr Nelson Clements and Mr E. B. Nichols made contracts with Maj Hart- the former among other things for 20,000 Stand of arms (Enfield rifles) and the latter for army supplies of great value to us. I approved of these contracts as the Contractors represented to me that without such approval, they could not get abroad the necessary credit- Mr Clements sent over 10,000 Enfields rifles which were captured by the French at the mouth of the Rio Grande- 10,000 more are now on the way. Mr Nichols, I am informed has also shipped his cargo of valuable supplies-

On leaving this, I wrote to Maj Hart- to know what arrangement- he had made to pay for these cargoes. which were to be paid for in Cotton, and I was informed that- he could not supply the Cotton to pay for them- Having been advised that- upon a plain statement of the wants of the Government- being made, the Planters would be willing to sell Cotton to the Government- if they were assured that- it would be applied to that purpose, and that a resort- to impressment- would thus be avoided I ~~ordered~~ Maj Bloomfield A. Gr M= of this District- to purchase 6,000 bales of Cotton in order to meet the contracts of Mr Nichols and Mr Clements, then being fulfilled by them. The Planters have responded I am informed - Cheerfully, and I have ordered Maj Bloomfield to put the Cotton on the Rio Grande as rapidly as possible- in accordance with our obligations. I hope it may be done in time to meet the reasonable expectations of the foreign merchants who have sent- forward these goods on the

strength of contracts made by Maj' Hart-, and approved by me- The Circular of the Gen' M' Gen'l approved by the Sec'y of War, forbids Com'd'g Gen'ls of Departments or their subordinates from issuing any order for the purchase of supplies by any other than the purchasing agent specified in this Circular- Maj' Hart- is the purchasing agent- for Texas, but as he could not- supply the wants of the Army it would have been absolutely necessary to order some one else to do it, unless these Cargoes already provided by- Contract- had arrived; and as it- is, Maj' Hart- should be very glad that by the various means used, the whole Army West of the Mississippi have at length been supplied for the Fall and Coming Winter, as I am informed is the case, except the supply of small arms in which Mr Clements has fully performed his contract- by shipping to the Rio Grande the 10.000 arms which fell into the hands of the French and by sending 10.000 more now on- their way, as I have been informed-

This statement is made to show that the Circular of the Gen' M' Gen'l has not been disobeyed, as far as is known at these Hd Qrs and if it- were disobeyed in any particular, it- has been rendered necessary by the inability of Major Hart- to make the purchases or to meet- his own liabilities- Major Hart- has had many difficulties to contend with of a most- serious nature notwithstanding the facilities which have been given him, and he may be able to explain satisfactorily the cause of his inability to meet-

Head Quarters, Dist. Texas, New Mexico & Arizona,

these obligations and the expectations of the Comdg
Officer. He was not placed under my Command,
and I am not sufficiently informed of his transactions,
and his difficulties to enable me to judge of them with
accuracy: that they have been and are great I know. This
statement is referred to Major Williamson with the papers
to which it relates for his information as the representative
of Lt Genl Smith "

(Signed) T. Bankhead Magruder
Maj Genl
Comdg
Dist
"

A true copy.
W. L. Alston.
Capt & A. A. Gen'l.

2 nd Sept 1863 97

Maj Genl J. B. Magruder.

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Introducing Dr Geo. Waugh

Lemle

Cotton Bureau

Houston

Mr Jno Williamson Spt. 24 63

To Col Lewis

Chief of the Torpedo Bureau

Navy

Sir to introduce Lieut Lt. Alex. Mercer
of Alexandria an old Schoolmate of
mine as he is a most excellent Gentle-
man - Lt. Mercer wishes to export
a small quantity of cotton west which
he proposes to purchase Medicines
& Clothing for his family - As Lt
Mercer is a most Loyal & Patriotic Man
dependent upon his profession for
his support & his family -

Any favor
you can afford him Gentlemen
will be appreciated -

Yours Truly
Wm Jno Williamson

Hd Qrs Dist Miss
Aug 17th 1863
M. 247

Maj. Genl J. B. Magruder

Inclose the Order
Increasing Cotton
Changed to the increase
of one & half
only. Order Increase
to three Bagging
& Rope

Hd Qrs Dept Trans-Miss
Shreveport La Aug 19
Respectfully referred
to Lt Col Prondree
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Dept Trans Miss
By Command of
Lt Gen E Kirby Smith
W R Boggs
Brig Genl & Chf Staff

Head Quarters, Dist of Texas, &c
New Millican August 17th 1865

Brig Genl. H. B Clitz
Chief of Staff &c

General:

In consequence of representations that have been made of the injurious effect the impressment of the whole of the Cotton in the State would have on the planting interest, and from a belief that by impressing one half instead of the whole that I can would procure 200,000 Bales which would be as much as could possibly be transported by the Government during the season, I would respectfully recommend that Genl Smith alter the order for impressment to one half instead of the amount of Cotton held.

It is said that many planters will not take up their Cotton of the new crop if it is to be all impressed, and some of the planters complain that they will not be able to procure bagging and rope unless their cotton which they now have is permitted to go out of the country. I should desire that authority be given me to impress bagging and rope for the purpose of baling Cotton - otherwise I will not have the means of saving the new crop.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

J. B. Magruder
Maj Gen Comdg

Hd Qrs Dept Texas
Millican May 24th 63

May Genl Magruder

Requests that measures
of the 8th Tax on Cotton
be abrogated & suggests
that the Receivers of
the war Tax now be
the proper persons to
Collect such Tax.

Hd Qrs Dept Trans-Miss
Shreveport La Sept 2d
Respectfully referred to
Lt Col Broadwell Chief
of Cotton Bureau Dept
By Order of
Lt Genl E Kirby Smith

W W Byers
Asst Adjt Genl

Endorsed: Board Mo. of Sept 2d 63

Head Quarters Dist Tenn &
Near Millican Aug 24 th 1863.

Brig Genl. Boyce:

General:

I have the honor to request ~~that~~, that assessors of the 8 per cent Tax on Cotton, may be appointed for this District, and would respectfully suggest that the assessors of the war tax would be the most proper persons to perform this duty. Unless some steps are taken for this purpose, the cotton now going out of the country will escape the payment of this tax.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obdt Servt

E. Bankhead Major
& Maj Gen Comdg

120 (No. 1431.)

Houston Texas
Oct 12th 1863

Majr Genl J. B. Magruder

Requesting that Lt Col
Broadwell be ordered
to extend to May Cave
his approval for explor-
ation free of impress-
ment 200 Bales Cotton

Recd Hd Qrs Dist Trans Dep
Shreveport La 1st Nov 63

Respectfully referred to
Lt Col Broadwell, Chf
Cotton Bureau D. T. M.

By order of
Lt. Genl E Kirby Smith

W R Boggs
Brig Genl &
Chief of Staff

Recd Hd Qrs Dist Trans Dep.
Oct 21. 1863.

Head Qrs Dist Texas N. M. & Arizona
Shreveport Louisiana October 12th 1863.

Brig Genl W.R. Boggs
Chief of Staff
Shreveport La

General

I have the honor to call the attention of the Lieut Genl Commanding, to a matter although small in itself, affects the interest of the Army in no small degree.

Mr E.W. Cave who has been since the commencement of Military operations in Texas, engaged in supplying the Army with Blank Co & Printing materials, often having sustained his business until this time, with out exporting Cotton: at last found that he could no longer secure supplies, and applied to Capt Wolfe then Chief of the Cotton Bureau here for the privilege of taking out Two Hundred (200) Bales of Cotton in the next Sixty days, with the privilege of extending the same in the next Six Months, if his business required it, to Three Hundred Bales more, assured by Major Bloomfield and others of the department that Mr Cave's business and energy was essential to the dept. I referred the matter to your Head Quarters with my own approval.

Had it not been that Major Cave was connected with my Staff as Volunteer, I would at once acted favorably upon his application, so well convinced was I of the justice and importance of the same. Prompted by motives of delicacy alone, I referred the matter to your Head Quarters, and regret to learn as the result that the

application has been disapproved by Lieut Col. Broadwell, I had supposed that a case so directly connected with the interest of the Govt would have not presented itself to his approval would at once have acted on the matter myself

Majr Cave has withdrawn the application made, expressing himself satisfied with any course the Govt may adopt towards him. but it is my opinion considering the efforts he is now making to fill orders from your Head Qrs, and from chief officers of the dept. the services he has rendered & is rendering the Govt that he should not be compelled to abandon his business, which notwithstanding the devotion of nearly his whole time to the Public, he has made so useful to the Army

I would therefore respectfully ask that Lieut Col Broadwell be requested to extend to Maj Cave his approval for exportation free from impressment of the amount of Cotton at least he desired to export in the sixty days mentioned in his original application — Since writing the above I have explained to Lt Col Broadwell this Case & brought to his knowledge circumstances not known to him at the time of his disap — proval & he has concluded to reverse his decision in the case of Maj Cave, with — ~~out~~ further reference

I am Gnl Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
J Bankhead Magruder
Majr Genl Comdg

Over —

I beg that you will refer this letter to Lt Col Broadwell ~~—~~ as it contains a statement by one upon which he reverses his decision.

J. B. Magruder
Maj Genl
Cmdg

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